

## INSIDE TODAY

### Bureaucracy unchecked

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Associated Press on Wednesday protested the Obama administration's refusal to consider quickly AP's request for military and civilian government records related to the raid on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. In a written appeal filed with the Defense Department, the AP said unnecessary bureaucratic delays harm the public interest and allow anonymous U.S. officials to leak selectively details of the May 2 mission that resulted in bin Laden's death.

The AP has asked under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act to review a range of materials, such as contingency plans for bin Laden's capture, reports on the performance of equipment during the mission and copies of DNA tests confirming the al-Qaida leader's identity. The AP also has asked for video and photographs taken from the mission, including photos made of bin Laden after he was killed.

The AP had asked that the Defense Department quickly consider its request under a legal provision known as expedited processing, which dramatically shortens the amount of time the government takes in such cases. Without expedited processing, requests for sensitive materials can be delayed for months and even years.

The AP submitted its request to the Pentagon less than one day after bin Laden's death.

The Defense Department last week refused AP's request for a speedy review. It said the AP had failed to demonstrate an urgent or compelling need to review the records or show that the information has a particular value that would be lost if not provided in an expedited manner. The U.S. government spent billions of dollars pursuing bin Laden, the world's most notorious terrorist, after the September 2001 attacks against New York and Washington, and his death at the hands of Navy SEALs has dominated headlines and network news.

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## Gates: They knew



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, left, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen pause during a media availability at the Pentagon Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Washington.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Pakistan already has paid dearly for its failure to know or acknowl-

edge that Osama bin Laden was hiding for more than five years in a compound a short distance from

a Pakistani military facility, Pentagon leaders insisted Wednesday.

Pushing back against angry public and congressional accusations that Pakistani officials were complicit in bin Laden's sanctuary there, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he has seen proof that leaders there were unaware of bin Laden's whereabouts.

"I have seen no evidence at all that the senior leadership knew. In fact, I've seen some evidence to the contrary," Gates told reporters at the Pentagon. "We have no evidence yet with respect to anybody else. My supposition is, somebody knew."

He would not say who knew but suggested it could have been retired or low-level Pakistani officials. The Obama administration is reassessing its fragile and sometimes hostile relationship with Pakistan after the bin Laden killing, which may change the stakes for both sides. For the U.S., it may provide greater leverage in its argument to prod Pakistan to go after the militants that target the U.S., instead of only those that target Pakistan.

For Pakistan, outrage and shame over what is seen as a breach of national sovereignty will color leaders' willingness to cooperate with the U.S.

### Police look for DNA in hotel carpet in IMF case

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investigators cut out a piece of carpet in a painstaking search of a penthouse suite for DNA evidence in IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn's sex assault case, law enforcement officials said Wednesday as he made a new bid to get out of jail.

New York detectives and prosecutors believe the carpet in the hotel room may contain Strauss-Kahn's semen, spat out after an episode of forced oral sex, the officials told The Associated Press. Strauss-Kahn, jailed at Rikers Island since Monday, made a second appeal for bail and proposed to be confined to his daughter's Manhattan home 24 hours a day with electronic monitoring. He was set for another hearing Thursday afternoon.

The French politician said in court papers that he had surrendered his passport and wouldn't flee the country.

"I do not intend to leave the United States of America without



The Riker's Island Penal Complex in New York's East River is seen from the air in this photo. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the chief of the International Monetary Fund, is currently confined to the facility after he was charged with trying to rape a maid at a New York City hotel where he was staying.

(AP Photo/Julia Robertson)

the permission of the New York Court," he said.

Besides examining the Sofitel Hotel suite for further potential DNA evidence, investigators were looking at the maid's key-

card to determine whether she used it to enter the room, and how long she was there, officials said.

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## Gates: Somebody in Pakistan knew about bin Laden



**Pakistani students chant anti-U.S. slogans during a rally to condemn the killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and American's drone attacks on Pakistani tribal areas where militants are hiding, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Osama bin Laden was killed by a U.S. helicopter-borne military force in a fortress-like compound on the outskirts of Abbottabad.**

*(AP Photo/Aqeel Ahmed)*

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Gates and the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Adm. Mike Mullen, issued a broad defense of Islamabad's leaders Wednesday. And they urged patience as the "humiliated" country worked through the problems emanating from the U.S. clandestine raid deep into Pakistan that killed bin Laden on May 2.

"If I were in Pakistani shoes, I would say I've already paid a price. I've been humiliated. I've been shown that the Americans can come in here and do this with impunity," said Gates. "I think we have to recognize that they see a cost in that and a price that has been paid."

That argument, however, may hold no sway in Congress, which has seen more than \$10 billion in aid go to Pakistan over the past 10 years.

If a U.S. aid package to Pakistan should come up for a vote in at least one Senate Appropriations subcommittee, "it would not pass at all. I don't know how I would vote on the issue," said Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees foreign aid.

The comments came as the Pakistani Taliban vowed to fight with "new zeal" in the aftermath of bin Laden's death to complete the al-Qaida chief's mission of waging holy war against the West, the deputy commander of the militant group told The Associated Press.

Waliur Rehman's remarks appeared designed to deflate ex-

pectations that bin Laden's death would slow down insurgent groups allied with or inspired by al-Qaida. It also could be an attempt to boost morale among the insurgents who are facing a tough fight against U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan. Gates and Mullen said the Pakistanis are well aware of the swelling frustration in Washington. And they have heard the demands that Islamabad pay a price for its inability or unwillingness to target more aggressively insurgents that are planning and waging attacks against U.S. and coalition troops across the border in Afghanistan.

"I don't think we should underestimate the humbling experience that this (has been) and in fact the internal soul searching that's going on" inside Pakistan's military, said Mullen.

Mullen has forged a close relationship with his Pakistani counterparts, encouraging them to move against high-level terrorists known to be hiding in Pakistan, including al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahri, and kingpins of the Afghan insurgency such as Mullah Omar and Siraj Haqqani.

Pakistan's continued support is critical for the continued passage of supplies into Afghanistan, as well as its sporadic military operations in some of the insurgent strongholds such as South Waziristan and the Swat Valley.

Mullen said the United States must continue to work with and provide aid to Pakistan. But amid rising anger and distrust of Pakistan across America and

in Congress, both men acknowledged that Islamabad must take concrete action to eliminate the havens where militants are hiding along the border with Afghanistan.

Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee, said as lawmakers are under pressure to cut all U.S. spending, he suggested establishing a "set of benchmarks" for Pakistan to meet, such as going after the Haqqani network, border security and focusing on North Waziristan.

While he cautioned against a rush to cut aid to Pakistan, he noted that the U.S. set similar types of benchmarks as it prepared to withdraw troops from Iraq.

In other comments, both Gates and Mullen complained that too much information has been disclosed about the raid by the elite U.S. SEAL team that stormed the compound in Abbottabad and killed bin Laden and four others. "We are close to jeopardizing this precious capability that we have, and we can't afford to do that," said Mullen. "This fight isn't over."

He and Gates said that former and current U.S. officials have spilled too many details of the operation, risking the security of the special operations forces involved and their families. "It's time to stop talking," he said.

In a separate development Wednesday, a new report by the Asia Society said that the U.S. and other allies must make a long-term commitment to Pakistan in order to prevent the country from further deterioration. □

## IMF

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One of the officials said that the DNA testing was being "fast-tracked" but that the results could still be a few days away.

The two officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because neither was authorized to speak about the case publicly and because it has gone to a grand jury.

The maid, a 32-year-old immigrant from the West African nation of Guinea, told police that the 62-year-old Strauss-Kahn came out of the bathroom naked, chased her down, forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear before she broke free and fled the room. The AP does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes unless they agree to it.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly declined to comment Wednesday on the details of the

up the charges or tried to cover up a consensual encounter.

In court papers filed Wednesday, Strauss-Kahn's attorneys proposed posting \$1 million cash bail and confining him to the home of his daughter, Camille, a Columbia University graduate student, 24 hours a day with electronic monitoring.

Strauss-Kahn "is a loving husband and father, and a highly regarded diplomat, politician, lawyer, politician, economist and professor, with no criminal record," his attorneys said in court papers.

The attorneys had proposed similar conditions at an earlier bail hearing but added the promise of home detention Wednesday. A judge denied Strauss-Kahn bail Monday, sending him to an isolated wing of Rikers Island.

Manhattan prosecutors didn't immediately comment on the bail motion. The hearing was set for 2:15 p.m. Thursday. Another



**Associated Press cameraman Ryan Scafuro and Maybellene his 4 year old spaniel mix stake out Manhattan Criminal Court, Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in New York. International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn remained jailed under a suicide watch Wednesday as a lawyer for the hotel maid who accused the French politician of attempted rape sought to rebut whispered allegations that her charges were a conspiracy and a setup.**

*(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)*

evidence-gathering but said results of any DNA and other testing have not yet come back. He said the detectives investigating the case found the maid's story believable.

"Obviously, the credibility of the complainant is a factor in cases of this nature," Kelly said. "One of the things they're trained to look for, and what was reported to me early on, was that the complainant was credible."

One of Strauss-Kahn's attorneys, Benjamin Brafman, said at his client's arraignment this week that the forensic evidence "will not be consistent with a forcible encounter."

That led to speculation the defense would argue it was consensual sex.

The woman's lawyer, Jeffrey Shapiro, has dismissed suggestions from some of Strauss-Kahn's defenders that she made

hearing had been set for Friday, the deadline for prosecutors to indict Strauss-Kahn.

Strauss-Kahn is one of France's highest-profile politicians and was seen as a potential candidate for president in next year's elections. His arrest shocked France. The scandal comes at a critical moment for the International Monetary Fund, which is trying to shore up teetering economies in Europe. The IMF is an immensely powerful agency that loans money to countries to stabilize the world economy. In exchange it often imposes strict austerity measures.

Defense lawyers can raise the issue of bail as many times as they like, and it's common to make new proposals and try again after a client gets high or no bail, said Stuart P. Slotnick, a New York defense lawyer not involved in the Strauss-Kahn case. □



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## Jobs outlook is bleak even for college graduates

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The individual stories are familiar. The chemistry major tending bar. The classics major answering phones. The Italian studies major sweeping aisles at Walmart.

Now evidence is emerging that the damage wrought by the sour economy is more widespread than just a few careers led astray or postponed. Even for college graduates — the people who were most protected from the slings and arrows of recession — the outlook is rather bleak.

Employment rates for new college graduates have fallen sharply in the past two years, as have starting salaries for those who can find work. What's more, only half of the jobs landed by these new graduates even require a college degree, reviving debates about whether higher education is "worth it" after all.

"I have friends with the same degree as me, from a worse school, but because of who they knew or when they happened to graduate, they're in much better jobs," said Kyle Bishop, 23, a 2009 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh who has spent the past two years waiting tables, delivering beer, working at a bookstore and entering data. "It's more about luck than anything else."

The median starting salary

for students graduating from four-year colleges in 2009 and 2010 was \$27,000, down from \$30,000 for those who entered the workforce in 2006 to 2008, according to a study released Wednesday by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University.

That is a decline of 10 percent, even before taking inflation into account. Of course, these are the lucky ones — the graduates who found a job. Among the members of the class of 2010, just 56 percent had held at least one job by this spring, when the survey was conducted. That compares with 90 percent of graduates from the classes of 2006 and 2007. (Some have gone for further education or opted out of the labor force, while many are still pounding the pavement.) Even these figures understate the damage done to these workers' careers. Many have taken jobs that do not make use of their skills; about half of recent college graduates, like Bishop, said that their first job did not require a college degree. The choice of major is quite important. Certain majors had better luck finding a job that required a college degree, according to an analysis by Andrew M. Sum, an economist at Northeastern University, of 2009 Labor Department data for college graduates under 25. □

## Rocky start nothing new for political campaigns

Michael D. Shear  
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The former House speaker's abject apologies to Rep. Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin on Tuesday appeared to do little to quell the uproar among conservatives about his decidedly off-message commentary on the Republican budget strategy.

Television pundits spent much of the day Wednesday replaying the wince-inducing video of an Iowa voter calling Gingrich, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, "an embarrassment."

And the jokes about Gingrich's expensive jewelry habit — he owed Tiffany as much as \$500,000 during the middle of the last decade — showed no signs of abating. But Gingrich is not the first U.S. politician to stumble quickly out of the gate.

And while early gaffes, misstatements and blunders in strategy can swiftly cement an unhelpful narrative, they are not always deadly to a campaign.

"The topic has to change," said Matt Bennett, who served



In this image taken from video, a protester dumps glitter on a table where GOP presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich and his wife, Callista, were signing books at a hotel in Minneapolis, Tuesday May 17, 2011. The man approached the Gingriches during the signing at a downtown Minneapolis hotel, dumped a cracker box full of confetti on the pair and said, "Stop the hate!"

(AP Photo/Jeff Baenen)

as communications director for Wesley K. Clark, the retired general who made early whoppers as he began his 2004 campaign for the Democratic nomination. "Your opponent has to stumble a bit so somebody else becomes the object of ridicule for the moment."

In 2004, Clark's campaign was premised on his military credentials and his critique of President George W. Bush and the Iraq war.

So when the general said, within days of announcing,

that he might have voted to authorize the Iraq war, it was a big deal.

Within a week of his announcement, Clark also made comments about space travel, leading to mocking headlines like "Beam Us Up, General Clark."

The hardest kinds of early mistakes to recover from, Bennett said, are those that reinforce an established narrative. In Gingrich's case, Bennett said, the candidate's lack of discipline is already legendary. □

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# Romney has it all, except strong party support

**CHARLES BABINGTON,**  
**Associated Press**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Mitt Romney has all the trappings of a Republican presidential front-runner except for one important thing: enthusiasm from party activists. Romney raised a remarkable \$10.25 million on Monday; Republican officials from across the country meeting the next day in Dallas mostly shrugged. In nearly two dozen interviews at the Republican National Committee's spring meeting, no one fully embraced Romney, and several said they'd like to see other candidates enter the race for next year's election. President Barack Obama is seen as a tough incumbent to beat, and though Romney is making strides in fundraising, the field for Republican challengers is still considered very open. "A lot of Republicans are hop-

ing someone new pops up," said Kirby Wilbur, Republican chairman in Washington state. "He keeps having to figure out who he is," a reference to Romney's changed positions on issues including abortion and health care. Even top Republicans who are kinder to Romney showed only modest excitement about his positions and his prospects. "Polls show Romney has to be considered the front-runner now," said New Hampshire state Republican chairman Jack Kimball, whose state plans to hold the first primary in early 2012. "But you'll see others gaining ground." Kimball said Donald Trump's short but attention-grabbing presidential overture proved that "the American people want to see passion, want to see the gloves come off." Romney and others need to learn that lesson, he said.

The tepid response Romney received at the Dallas meeting was notable for several reasons. Romney appears far ahead of his likely rivals in two crucial areas for anyone hoping to unseat Obama: fundraising and experience. Except for longshot Ron Paul, Romney is the only person in the likely Republican field who has run for president before. He learned hard lessons in 2007-08, built an organization and endured the trial-by-fire that Republican voters traditionally have rewarded. And at this early stage of the campaign, several would-be challengers to Romney have dropped out, including Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and 2008 Iowa caucus winner Mike Huckabee. Finally, there is no clear alternative to Romney. RNC members offered an array of names as possible challengers, more often in



In this photo, Mitt Romney, left, greets supporters during a phone bank fundraiser in Las Vegas. Romney has all the trappings of a GOP presidential frontrunner except for one important thing: enthusiasm from party activists. Romney raised a remarkable \$10.25 million on May 16; Republican officials from across the nation meeting the next day in Dallas mostly shrugged.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

hope than conviction. Some cited former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Others said they hope Indiana Gov.

Mitch Daniels will jump in. A few mentioned Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman. □

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# Rep. Giffords has surgery to repair skull

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 Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Doctors used a hard plastic implant to repair a hole in Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' skull on Wednesday, the latest milestone in her recovery from an assassination attempt and a procedure that experts say will improve her quality of life.

A gunman shot her in the head more than four months ago in Tucson, Arizona, and doctors had to remove a portion of her skull to relieve pressure on her brain. On Wednesday, doctors installed the piece of plastic across the hole, according to a statement from TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital. The hospital planned a briefing on Thursday to give an update on her medical condition and discuss the next steps in her rehabilitation.

Giffords is "recovering well af-

ter her surgery today," a hospital statement said.

Giffords' astronaut husband, Mark Kelly, is orbiting Earth on space shuttle Endeavour and is getting updates on her condition, NASA said.

Doctors familiar with the procedure and not involved in her care said it was fairly routine, will significantly improve her quality of life and help her feel more normal.

"It's a very significant milestone in the recovery," said Dr. Robert Friedlander, chair of neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

The implant — or bone flap as doctors call it — will protect the brain and the skull, Friedlander said. It will allow Giffords to freely move about without her helmet, adorned with the Arizona state flag, for the first time since she began therapy in late January.

In addition, it makes therapy easier because the helmet can be uncomfortable and cumbersome, Friedlander said.

Dr. Reid Thompson, chairman of neurological surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, said there is also an important psychological element to removing the helmet.

"They look in the mirror and they don't see someone who's been injured or shot. They look normal," Thompson said.

The flap itself is custom made, manufactured to slip perfectly into place based on a three-dimensional model of the skull built from a CT image, Thompson said. Usually, the implant is made of clear or white plastic, and tightened into place with titanium screws.

Even the shunt — or tube — placed in Giffords' head to drain excess spinal fluids from her



**In this photo provided by the office of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., Giffords poses for a photo. Doctors used a hard plastic implant to repair a hole in Giffords' skull on Wednesday, the latest milestone in her recovery from an assassination attempt and a procedure that experts say will improve her quality of life.**

*(AP Photo/Office of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, File)*

brain will not ruin the image, Friedlander said.

That tube, which is permanent, is generally placed in the front of the head and is no more than a small bulge under the skin, usually hidden by hair. The tube drains the fluid into the abdomen.

From the start, doctors have marveled not only at Giffords' survival, but also at her recovery.

Within weeks of arriving at TIRR Memorial Hospital in late January, Giffords' family and staff reported she could speak a few words, then sing some songs and string together short sentences. By March, she was able to walk with assistance, according to her doctors, and her personality was shining through.

On Monday, according to her staff, she said "good stuff, good stuff" while watching her hus-

band rocket into space.

Still, doctors caution that she has a long recovery ahead of her and have repeatedly talked about reaching a new "normal."

Wednesday's operation is considered fairly routine, though there is a 1 percent chance of infection or bleeding, Thompson said.

Infection, normally resulting from the introduction of a foreign body, would not be apparent for a few weeks, but bleeding could occur in surgery when doctors lift the skin to reach the open area, Friedlander added.

Yet doctors say it wasn't necessary to have Kelly on Earth to go ahead with the surgery.

Not only can closing the hole alleviate some of the headaches associated with brain injuries, it helps prevent any future injury, Thompson said. □

## AP presses for quick review of bin Laden records

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The AP's appeal challenges the Pentagon's denial. Without prompt access to these and other records about the mission, the AP said, there is no way to ensure that unspecified government officials are held accountable for their statements about the events inside bin Laden's hideout in Abbottabad, a military garrison town outside Pakistan's capital.

AP's senior managing editor for U.S. news, Mike Oreskes, said the purpose of the federal open records law is to inform the public about government activity while issues of importance are being discussed. Few government actions in recent years have been more pivotal or drawn more attention and discussion than the raid on bin Laden's compound, he said.

"While the government has re-

leased some information, there is much that remains to be known about the raid, its planning and aftermath," Oreskes said.

"That is the reason for our request." The AP's appeal cites President Barack Obama's pledge to be the most transparent and accountable in American history.

Obama has refused to release death photos of bin Laden to avoid the possibility of inflaming anti-American sentiment overseas. Obama's decision is both supported and opposed by members of Congress who have seen the photos in a secure room at the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency. "Delaying release of the information harms the public interest in knowing what actions were taken by the government in preparation for the mission, and what information was learned after the fact, including whether the information

is being properly conveyed to the public now," the AP's appeal said. The government also has received requests for information about the bin Laden raid from other organizations. National Public Radio has submitted requests with the Navy and CIA for video and photography. Citizens United and Judicial Watch, public interest groups based in Washington, have filed requests with several federal agencies for the video and photos. The AP's request for the bin Laden records has been placed in the "complex" queue, the Defense Department said, due to the time it will take to search for all the information sought and to consult with other agencies that may have an interest in the records. There are prominent differences in the amount of time the department takes to handle complex requests that do not receive an expedited review. □



# Flooding hinders shipping on the Mississippi River

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Associated Press

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP)

— Cargo was slowly moving along the bloated Mississippi River after a costly daylong standstill, while officials kept an eye on the lower Delta where vast areas of farmland could be swamped by water that is edging closer to the top of a levee.

The Coast Guard for much of Tuesday closed a 15-mile (25-kilometer) stretch at Natchez, Mississippi, north of New Orleans, blocking vessels heading toward the Gulf

Natchez Mayor Jake Middleton said he met Monday with Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh and other officials when they discussed the river closing, the latest tough move to try to ensure the levees are not breached.

“You have two hospitals, a convention center, a hotel and a spa on the Louisiana side. On our side, we have a restaurant and bar and several very old, historic buildings that we are trying to save,” Middleton said.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Mark Molland said tests indicated sand-

the river from Natchez, Carla Jenkins was near tears as she watched the first tows and barges move north after the reopening.

“The water from the wakes just keeps coming into our buildings. We’re going to have a lot more damage,” said Jenkins, who owns Vidalia Dock and Storage.

Some of the worst flooding in Mississippi is in the area from Vicksburg northeast to Yazoo City, along the Yazoo River. The Yazoo Backwater Levee north of Vicksburg connects with the main Mississippi



Carla Jenkins, left, owner of Vidalia Dock and Storage in Vidalia, La., walks with port captain Travis Morace and her daughter Lauren Lucas outside her offices that were flooded by rising floodwaters from the Mississippi River, Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

of Mexico and others trying to return north after dropping off their freight.

Later in the day, barges that haul coal, timber, iron, steel and more than half of America’s grain exports were again allowed to pass, but at the slowest possible speed. Such interruptions could cost the U.S. economy hundreds of millions of dollars for each day the barges are idled, as the toll from the weeks of flooding from Arkansas to Louisiana continues to mount.

Wakes generated by passing barge traffic could increase the strain on levees designed to hold back the river, officials said.

bagging and other measures to protect most of the area could withstand the wakes if the vessels were ordered to move through at the slowest possible speed.

**It’s not clear how long barges would only be able to move one at a time. The river is expected to stay high in some places for weeks.**

Such interruptions could cost the U.S. economy hundreds of millions of dollars for every day of idled barges as the toll from the weeks of Mississippi flooding continues to escalate. In Vidalia, Louisiana, across

River levee. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had initially feared that the levee could be overtopped by a 1 foot (0.3 meter), flooding tens of thousands more acres of farmland in the lower Mississippi Delta. But on Wednesday, forecasters lowered their expectation for how high floodwaters will get. They’re now forecasting that the Mississippi River will crest at Vicksburg at 57.1 feet (17.4 meters) on Thursday, down a bit from recent predictions.

Corps spokesman Wayne Stroupe says that means if water does go over the Yazoo Backwater Levee, it would be only a trickle. □

## U.S. Briefs

### 5 clam diggers found dead off Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two more bodies have been found off an Alaska beach, bringing the total to five clam diggers who died after they turned up missing while in a 20-foot skiff. The five were contract workers for Pacific Alaska Shellfish, which was notified Tuesday afternoon that the crew went missing in an area where they were digging for clams. Three bodies have already been found southwest of Kalgin Island in Cook Inlet, just off Polly Creek where the company harvests clams. Coast Guard Petty Officer David Mosley says the two bodies found Wednesday were spotted by a Coast Guard helicopter crew on the mudflats well off the beach near Polly Creek. He says the bodies have been recovered. □

### Cheney memoir to have strong views

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Cheney has finished his memoir, according to his daughter, and the book is scheduled to come out on Aug. 30. Liz Cheney said that the former U.S. vice president’s manuscript was turned in at the beginning of the month.

She said the book, currently being edited, will be “very straightforward,” with “a lot of in-depth analysis of really critically important issues.” Cheney’s memoir, “In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir,” is being published by Threshold Editions, a conservative imprint of Simon & Schuster run by Republican strategist and former Cheney aide Mary Matalin. On Wednesday, the publisher issued the cover art for the book, showing a characteristic Cheney look during his vice presidential years (and a pose not unlike the cover photo of President Bush’s “Decision Points”): hands in pockets, staring slightly away as he stands alone in the White House Cross Hall. □

### Spector’s lawyers seek rehearing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers for music producer Phil Spector have asked an appeals court to take a second look at his arguments for a new trial. In a petition to the California 2nd District Court of Appeal, the attorneys said the court’s rejection of Spector’s murder conviction appeal has left the legal community incredulous. They suggested the court failed to consider the defense claim that the trial judge violated his neutrality in the case by allowing the prosecution to show a videotape of himself in closing arguments. Spector was convicted two years ago of shooting actress Lana Clarkson to death at his Alhambra mansion in 2003. He’s serving 19 years to life in prison on a second-degree murder conviction. His first trial ended in a hung jury; the second ended in a conviction. □

### Ex-Enron finance chief out of prison

HOUSTON (AP) — The mastermind behind financial schemes that doomed Enron Corp. has returned to Houston this week to serve the remainder of his six-year sentence at a halfway house. A U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman says Andrew Fastow has joined another former Enron executive who is also serving part of his sentence at the halfway house. A third ex-Enron executive who had been at the facility left a day after Fastow arrived.

Fastow on Monday left a federal prison in Louisiana, where he served most of his prison sentence, and reported to the halfway house. His attorneys did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment. Fastow is the former chief financial officer for Enron. He was sentenced in 2006 for his role running various schemes to hide company debt and inflate profits. □



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## "O Aruba" opens in the Renaissance Mall



**ORANJESTAD** – A unique cultural exhibit by the National Archeological Museum opened at the Renaissance Mall last evening on May 18th, in collaboration with Meta Corp., the mall's parent company. Titled O Aruba, the exhibit's name echoes some of the lyrics of the island's national anthem 'O Aruba, nos Baranca ta stima,' which declares the love of the singers to this small much-appreciated island.

Archeologist Vivi Ruiz, the Director of the Archeological Museum explained that the meaningful expo was put together in honor of Aruba's 25th anniversary of Status Aparte, the island's unique status within the Dutch Kingdom, and in honor of the national anthem's 35th anniversary.

The central theme of the exhibit is creativity, as it finds expression in Aruba's prehistoric times, and how the island's special ingenuity has served it through the years and will surely do so into the future.

A number of panels in Papiamentu & English are being created featuring some of the museum treasures of Amerindian artifacts, from tools to jewelry, celebrating the island's rich heritage and inviting the public at large to further explore the subject by visiting the National

Archeological Museum in the heart of town. Eduardo De Veer, the president and CEO of Meta Corp., graced the reveal with his presence reiterating his company's commitment to cultural projects and his full support of private and public sector initiatives designed to promote and conserve this island's history.

The exhibit picked a basalt rock as its emblem. The volcanic material was used by early island inhabitants to manufacture tools, and the artifacts give evidence to craftsmanship and imagination, which are this island's national traits, preserved through the millenniums.

Pictured here the press conference at the Renaissance Convention Center. □





# Excitement at The Casino at the Radisson



**PALM BEACH** – Things have been busy at The Casino at the Radisson, where tournaments, giveaways and special events have been keeping visitors entertained and well rewarded.

In only three weeks, The Casino gave away almost \$30,000 in jackpot winnings, while back-to-back slot tournaments in one weekend gave out a total of \$1,200, with \$300 and first place standings going to Reina Tromp and

Magda Tromp, \$200 going to second place winners Rodmar Yarzagarary and Magali Winterdaal, and \$100 and third place going to Ramsley Tromp and Agapita Beriquete. The next week it was Glenda Ras' turn to win first place and \$300. She was followed by Editha Feliciano in second place with \$200 and Magda Tromp coming in third place, with \$100. Not to be outdone, the following week, Oscar Bergrock became the

first place winner, pocketing \$300, with Edwin Tromp winning second place and \$200, and Rodmar Yarzagaray in third place with \$100. In honor of Mother's Day, The Casino at the Radisson welcomed moms and everyone else for a special Mother's Day Bingo Tournament, which offered up lots of great prizes, snacks, drinks, live Mariachi music and even a Mother of the Year raffle.

Speaking of raffles, the weekly Friday-night giveaways culminated recently with the final raffle of a brand new Suzuki SX4, as well as other great prizes. The lucky recipient of the keys to the brand new car was Araldo Milan Dumenigo. Camila Henriquez was the winner of the iPad, while Fred Orts received a weekend stay at the Radisson. Other prizes included dinners for two at Laguna Restaurant, won by Aquanette Gunn and Cedric Croes, who also won a dinner for two at Gilligan's Restaurant, a massage at Larimar Spa, which went to Agapita Beriqueto, and breakfast for two at Gilligan's Restaurant, won by Glenda Werleman.

The Casino at the Radisson recently unveiled its second car, awarding slot machine and table game players with a chance to drive away with a set of stylish new wheels, at the end of 10 weeks, on July 23rd. Every Friday until then a casino happening will award attractive prizes to some of those who deposit their ticket in the designated drum.

The Casino at the Radisson is the only casino in town that treats its players to premium drinks, so drop in for a pleasant gaming experience. □





# Meg & Perry vow their love under Aruba's sun



*At De Suikertuin*

**RADISSON RESORT**-Recently Meg Basset & Perry Brne of Valparaiso, Indiana vowed their love to one another on Aruba's pristine beach at Radisson Resort. The lovebirds met on Match.com, after getting to know one another they met and started dated. It was love at first sight that blossomed into an everlasting love. Within a year they both knew it was time to tie the knot. Perry, a policeman, is retiring upon their return home after 30 years of service. Meg works in the medical field as director of medical staff service credentialing physicians and working with medical education. They searched for the perfect place to wed. After many highly recommended

reviews on wedding destinations they choose Aruba. Meg walked down the aisle as Perry gazed at her beauty; they held hands, vowed their love and became one under Aruba's sun. Bella Aruba Photography captured the moments as they unfolded while the sunset with gorgeous hues disappeared behind the horizon. The newlyweds dined at the Radisson on the beach with tiki torches lit, a calm ocean and a night to remember under the moon light. We want to thank Lisa Dammernan, Bridal specialist at Radisson Resort for orchestrating our special day to perfection.

**Photography by Angela Munzenhofer**

# Gypsy Night promises to be an awesome event!



**ORANJESTAD** - The first Gypsy Night, held on Saturday, May 21 at lovely restaurant De Suikertuin promises to be an awesome event. It has already set quite a few hearts beating a little faster from sheer expectations. The gypsy night will be filled with surprises for guests, among them awesome entertainment. The evening starts off with a glass of gypsy champagne, getting you in the mood for what's coming. Finger food snacks will be passed around during

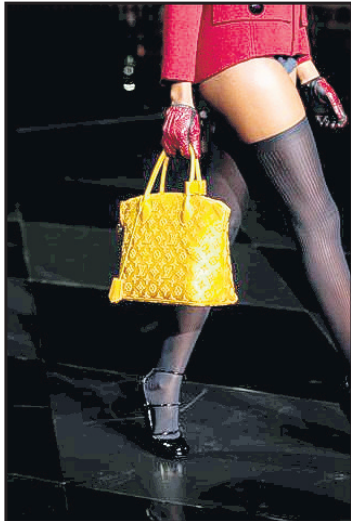


the evening, which doubles as a fundraising for the crop of new models of Ronchi de Cuba. Tickets for the gypsy night

are available at De Suikertuin; The popular restaurant can be found at 64 Wilhelminastraat; The fun evening is from 8 pm until 11 pm. □



# Women's Accessories Fall/Winter 2011-2012



**ORANJESTAD** - With his Fall/Winter 2011-2012 collection for Louis Vuitton, Marc Jacobs explored the mysterious allure of fashion and fetish. At the heart of the collection, crystallizing its central theme was a magical object: the Lockit handbag, created in 1958 and revisited in a myriad guises – each one an intricately worked and painstakingly crafted objet du désir.

The season's **LEATHER GOODS** translate the discipline demanded by fashion and fetish by confining each bag to a single material, thus narrowing the focus onto the iconic nature of the Lockit. At its most familiar, the Lockit comes in Monogram canvas, reinterpreted with an ultra-glossy patent finish in line with the collection's play on extremes of matte and shine. Key elements of the design, such as the padlock from which the Lockit takes its name, are also covered in Monogram canvas, with touches of ivory resin – for the key holder, for example – providing a delicate counterpoint. Four versions are available: the Lockit clutch (complete with a hand-cuff symbolizing a woman's attachment to her bag), the diminutive Lockit BB, the classic Lockit and the roomy Lockit Voyage, recalling the bag's origins as part of a light luggage line. The Lockit Voyage recurs alongside

the classic Lockit in a second total-look theme in shearling, with even the handles and key holder covered in winter's warmest and coziest material. For the Lockit Vertical, meanwhile, the iconic Monogram pattern is woven into a sophisticated nylon jacquard in strict black or navy, reflecting the col-

black. At the opposite end of the scale, the medium-sized Lockit Vertical comes in matte rubber with the Monogram pattern in lustrous three-dimensional lamé embroidery, while – playing not only with texture but also with proportion – the horizontally stretched Lockit East-West in matte rubberized

woman forever to her Louis Vuitton bag.

**SHOES**, all with super-high, slightly retro chunky heels, play on two facets of fetishism. The girly charm of round-toe pumps in patent calf leather, python or shiny Monogram canvas is accentuated by delicate bow straps, sometimes in contrasting shades. On boots, both low and high, the straps morph into sexy laces, becoming daring bondage on one of the catwalk's standout looks. Extreme combinations of materials keep up the play on matte and shine, while leg-hugging high boots in glossy rubber nod to fetishistic vinyl.

**ACCESSORIES** have fun with the fetish theme. Catwalk looks include strict corset belts in black patent leather, glazed lambskin gloves and shearling officer's caps, while fashion jewelry spotlights mask headbands and pendants sprayed with car paint in black, silver or gold, patent leather or golden metal cuffs and a golden metal collar. Inspired by the spirit of the show, cashmere and silk stoles are printed with the RTW Burlesque motif made up of fetishist symbols like masks, gloves and high heels shoes, while silk twill squares in the same print are embellished with long leather tassels. □



lection's focus on uniform. Tonal resin handles and hardware complement the design, while the larger of the two sizes can be folded over and carried from its shoulder strap. Other lines play on the juxtaposition of matte and shine. Patent lambskin, for example, renders the season's sumptuous mustard, emerald and pearl grey hues to perfection on the classic Lockit, contrasting its shiny finish with Monogram embroidery in matte bouclette, while the Lockit BB Frame looks deceptively demure in

calfskin is accented with glossy tape. For this line, which also features the tiny Lockit BB, the emblematic key holder is integrated into the bag in an ingenious trompe-l'oeil effect.

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Finally, the season's two Extraordinaires are the classic Lockit and the small Lockit clutch in patent alligator. Both take the fetish theme to the extremes seen on the catwalk, the former with a golden brass chain, the latter with a chain and handcuff to attach the





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# Terror 'franchises' pose huge post-Bin Laden risk

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Associated Press

They kidnap Westerners in the deserts of Africa, turn Western-born Muslims into radicals, send bombs to the United States from Yemen and mount bloody attacks in Iraq and Pakistan.

These homegrown terror groups worldwide are informally dubbed al-Qaida franchises — affiliates that do most of their own fund-raising, recruiting and killing. The question now is this: What impact will the death of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden have on the ability and willingness of the franchises to mount attacks?

Emails found on flash drives from bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan two weeks ago show that he was communicating more than Western intelligence had thought. But al-Qaida's ideology plays a much bigger role in fostering terror than bin Laden's personal involvement, said Gen. David Richards, Britain's top military chief.

"Yemen, Somalia and other places in the Middle East are today more important in a counter-terror context than what was going on...in Osama's compound," Richards told British lawmakers. Several al-Qaida franchises have vowed retaliation for bin Laden's death, but it's unclear how much of a threat they pose. The biggest terrorist plots to date have been pulled off or directed by al-Qaida itself, including the Sept. 11 attacks and the 2005 London suicide bombings.

However, al-Qaida franchises were responsible for the 2008 attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai that killed 166, and the 2002 attacks on a Bali island night club that killed 202 people, many foreign tourists.

The head of Britain's domestic spy agency MI5, Jonathan Evans, has said it's only a matter of time before "we see terrorism on our streets" from the al-Qaida movement in Somalia, known as al-Shabab. He also said it is likely that al-Qaida supporters in the Arabian Peninsula will step up



**In this picture taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, the deputy commander of the Pakistani Taliban Waliur Rehman speaks to The Associated Press in Shaktol, in Pakistani tribal area of South Waziristan along the Afghanistan border. The deputy commander of the Pakistani Taliban says the militant group will complete the mission of Osama bin Laden following his death in a U.S. raid. Rehman said that his men would now fight with a "new zeal". Rehman spoke to the AP along the border between North and South Waziristan, two lawless tribal regions where Islamist militants are strong.**

(AP Photo/Rasool Dawar)

attacks on Western targets.

The fight to bring down al-Qaida franchises will depend on painstaking coordination among intelligence agencies worldwide. Rohan Gunaratna, who heads the Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Singapore, predicted that al-Qaida and the franchises are "likely to pose an enduring threat in the foreseeable future."

Al-Qaida now has about 10 major franchises, although the Afghanistan-Pakistan group has splintered into smaller and more dangerous ones. Al-Qaida provides ideological inspiration and sometimes direct training and funding. The franchises have goals within their own regions but also international aspirations, which include U.S. and European targets. Among the first franchises to spring up was al-Qaida in Iraq in about 2003, formed to

attack U.S. forces. However, this franchise took some of the luster off al-Qaida's message because of its massacre of thousands of Shiite Muslims.

Al-Qaida in Iraq is now thought to be much smaller than in its heyday, although there is no reliable estimate on the number of members. Yet in a show of strength, a front group called the Islamic State of Iraq boasted recently that extremists had slipped guns and messages to inmates for weeks before an unsuccessful prison break that left 17 dead.

Three days before the attempted jail breakout, the group staged a suicide bombing at an Iraqi police station in which 20 officers died. On the same day that it claimed responsibility for the bombing, it called for revenge for bin Laden's death.

"The martyrdom of the sheik will increase the determination and steadfastness among his brotherly mujahideen," read the statement, signed by Abu Bakr al-Husseini al-Baghdadi, a pseudonym for the militant whom the U.S. identified Wednesday as taking the helm of the Islamic State of Iraq. □

## Security forces battle militants in northwest Pakistan

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**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** — More than 100 militants stormed a Pakistani security post close to this provincial capital Tuesday night, one of the heaviest attacks in recent months, a senior police official said. Heavily armed insurgents, bearing rockets and light artillery, rushed the post at Sangu Mera on the outskirts of the city and near the Khyber region of Pakistan's lawless tribal area, said the city's police chief, Liaqat Khan.

After a nearly five-hour battle and deployment of reinforcements to assist the police and paramilitary soldiers stationed at the post, the militants were pushed back "dragging bodies of their men," Khan said. He said that two policemen and 15 militants were killed.

The checkpoint was recently installed to protect Peshawar from an increase in attacks by militants against security forces, Khan said.

The fight between the security forces and the militants came less than 24 hours after the Pakistani army announced the arrest of an operative of al-Qaida in the southern port city of Karachi.

The operative was identified in a statement by the Pakistani Army as Muhammad Ali Qasim Yaqub, also known as Abu Sohaib al-Makki, and was described as "working directly under Al Qaeda leaders along the Pak-Afghan border."

A Pakistani intelligence official said in Karachi on Tuesday night that the operative was arrested in the Gulshen-i-Iqbal area of the city on May 4 or May 5, just days after the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad.

The army said the operative was of Yemeni descent. "The arrest of al-Makki is a major development in unraveling the al-Qaida network in the region," the Pakistani Army statement said.

The announcement followed Monday's pledge by Pakistan and Sen. John Kerry that Pakistan and the United States would mount joint operations against important militants in Pakistani territory.

"It was also agreed that the two countries will work together in any future actions against high-value targets in Pakistan," the statement said.

It was not clear whether the operation to arrest the al-Qaida militant was done by the Pakistanis or in cooperation with the United States. □



## Amnesty: Egypt still abusing human rights

**BEN HUBBARD,**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egyptian authorities continue to restrict freedom of assembly, torture detainees and try civilians in military courts, highlighting the urgent need for reform, Amnesty International said Thursday.

In a report about human rights abuses during and after the Egyptian uprising that pushed President Hosni Mubarak from power on Feb. 11, the London-based rights group called on Egyptian authorities to overhaul the country's security forces to ensure accountability and prevent fu-

ture violations. Egyptians "deserve to see that their sacrifices were not made in vain, that the machinery of repression is completely overhauled, and that guarantees of non-repetition are consolidated in law and practice," the report said. Such practices were among the reasons Egyptians took to the streets at the uprising's start on Jan. 25, the 123-page report said. It examined the ways the Mubarak government sought to stop the protests, first by disrupting communications networks and promising reforms, then through intimidation and violence. At least 840

people were killed and more than 6,000 injured during the uprising, the report said. Thousands more were detained, some of them snatched from the street on their way to or from protests. Many were tortured.

The report says 189 of the dead were prisoners killed illegally by guards seeking to put down prison unrest. More than 250 prisoners were injured. As well as detailing abuses during the uprising, the report highlighted violations by Egypt's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, which has run the country since Mubarak's fall. □



In this image made available by the Mission Internal Medical Group on Wednesday May, 18, 2011, the mummy of Maiherpri (New Kingdom, 18th Dynasty, 1550-1295 BC), is prepared for CT scanning in the Egyptian Museum Cairo May 10, 2010. An Egyptian princess who lived more than 3,500 years ago is the oldest known person to have had clogged arteries, dispelling the myth that heart disease is a symptom of modern society, a new study says. To determine how widespread heart disease was in ancient Egypt, international scientists performed computer scans on 52 mummies in Cairo and the U.S. About half of the mummies were those of people who held elite positions in the pharaoh's court. Among the mummies who still had heart tissue, 44 had chunks of calcium stuck to their arteries.

(AP Photo/Dr. Michael Miyamoto, MD)

## Air France crash bodies

**PARIS (AP)** — French police say investigators have successfully extracted DNA from two bodies salvaged from the wreckage of an Air France flight that crashed into the Atlantic — raising the prospect they might be identified.

France's gendarmerie said in

a statement Wednesday that police forensic experts on board the Ile-de-Sein search ship will work to retrieve the bodies "in the greatest dignity" once it arrives at the crash site. Search teams retrieved tissue samples from two bodies earlier this month. French officials had previously said

the bodies were too degraded and would not be brought up. Accident investigators are now examining the retrieved flight recorders from Flight 447 to try to explain why the flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris went down June 1, 2009, killing all 228 people aboard. □

## 5 foreign journalists freed by Libya and Iran



**Diane Foley, right, mother of journalist James Foley, smiles as the press come and go during a news conference about the release of her son Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at her home in Rochester, N.H. James Foley, a correspondent for the Boston-based news organization Global Post, was one of four western journalists freed Wednesday by Libyan authorities in Tripoli.**

(AP Photo/Cheryl Senter)

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**Associated Press**

**TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)** — The Libyan government released four foreign journalists on Wednesday and a fifth reached freedom in Qatar after disappearing while on assignment in Syria, the latest reporters to be freed after being swept up while covering unrest in the Middle East. Americans Clare Morgana Gillis and James Foley, along with British freelance reporter Nigel Chandler and Spanish photographer Manuel Varela, appeared at a Tripoli hotel after being released from six weeks detention in Libya.

Earlier, Iranian-born Dorothy Parvaz, who also has U.S. and Canadian citizenship and works for Al-Jazeera television, arrived at her network's home base in Doha after being freed by Iran. All five were reported in good health. "I've spoken to our son," Diane Foley of Rochester, N.H., told The Associated Press.

"He's in good health, he's feeling very, very relieved. He's feeling very hopeful." She said the first thing he said to her on the phone was "Hey, ma, it's me. It's Jim. I'm fine, we're at a hotel." She said he told her the four were to be taken early Thursday to the border with Tunisia, where they would cross out of

Libya. Three of the journalists — Gillis, who freelances for The Atlantic and USA Today, Foley who writes for the Boston-based news agency GlobalPost and Varela, who works under the name Manu Brabo — were detained on April 5 near the Libyan town of Brega. Chandler was detained separately.

They were freed a day after the Libyan government said it had given them a one-year suspended sentence on charges of illegally entering the country. Jane Gillis of New Haven, Conn., expressed relief at the news. "We're ecstatic and we are looking forward to seeing her," she said in a Web posting by The Atlantic. Editor James Bennet said the magazine had been in close touch with the U.S. government, media colleagues and intermediaries on the ground in Libya. "We're hugely grateful today to diplomats, Americans and others, who have played a role" in securing the release, he said.

The 39-year-old Parvaz, who previously worked as a reporter and columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, disappeared soon after arriving in Syria on April 29 to cover the anti-government protests there; the Damascus government disclosed on May 4 that she had been deported to Iran. □



# Iran could play future role in al-Qaida

MATT APUZZO,  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The death of Osama bin Laden has put a new focus on what role Iran might play in al-Qaida's future, as intelligence officials around the world analyzed reports that Saif al-Adel had taken over as al-Qaida's interim leader. Al-Adel was last known to be under house arrest outside Tehran.

The terrorist resume of al-Adel, one of al-Qaida's founders, includes helping orchestrate the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa. But he had sharp disagreements with bin Laden's leadership and opposed the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He accurately predicted that inciting the wrath of the U.S. would hurt al-Qaida's worldwide efforts.

Al-Adel is among the many senior al-Qaida figures who fled into Iran after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan. They were arrested there in 2003 and were placed under what has been loosely called "house arrest" in a compound outside Tehran. Over the years, some have been able to come and go, and the U.S. has

worried that Iran would someday free them to restore al-Qaida's ranks.

This week, Noman Benotman, a former jihadist with links to al-Qaida in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan who is now a security analyst in London, said al-Adel will serve as al-Qaida's interim leader until bin Laden's permanent successor is named.

"They need someone to take care of the organization on a daily basis till they come up with a new leader," Benotman said Wednesday.

"That's the role of Saif." It is unclear exactly where al-Adel is. Some terrorism analysts and intelligence officials have said he left Iran last year and rejoined al-Qaida in the lawless region along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan.

Al-Adel is among the FBI's most wanted terrorists and the U.S. is offering a \$5 million reward for his capture.

Though Western and Arab intelligence officials said they had seen no hard evidence that al-Adel had taken over, his emergence as even a possible successor to bin Laden has

renewed questions about the al-Qaida figures who have been held in Iran. Iran and al-Qaida have a

relationship of convenience, not an alliance. The Shiite regime in Tehran is generally hostile to the

Sunni terrorist organization, but they have a shared enemy in the United States. □



This picture released by the semi-official Iranian Mehr News Agency on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, shows Iranian activists on a ship in the Persian Gulf, Iran, carrying them to Bahrain. On Tuesday, May 17, two ships carrying 120 Iranian hard-line activists left for Bahrain, part of an effort to show solidarity with the Shiite majority population of the tiny island nation.

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# After NATO raid, Afghan protest turns violent

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — A normally peaceful northern Afghan city erupted in violence Wednesday,

small NATO base on the city's outskirts, local officials and witnesses said. The protesters chanted "Death to Americans" and "Death to Kar-



An unidentified U.S. soldier is seen at the scene of a suicide attack in Jalalabad, Nangarhar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Afghan officials say at least 10 people have been killed in a bomb attack on a police bus that was carrying people to a police academy in eastern Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

day, as thousands of protesters clashed with security forces after a NATO night raid that local officials claim killed four civilians. NATO defended the night operation and said the four people who were killed, two of them women, were armed insurgents who fired on its troops. At least a dozen people were killed Wednesday as protesters armed with Kalashnikov rifles, axes, grenades and gasoline bombs battled with the police on the streets of Talian, the capital of Takhar province, in the northeast, then assaulted a

zai," referring to President Hamid Karzai, as they hurled firebombs and rocks at the German-run NATO outpost, officials said. Some also fired guns. Security forces quelled the riot after several hours, but not before dozens of people, including women and children, had been killed or injured. Dr. Hassan Baseej, director of the provincial health department, said that 12 bodies and 80 people with wounds had been transported to the provincial hospital by early afternoon and that more victims of the violence were expected.

Two German soldiers and three Afghan guards were also wounded in the attack, said Abdul Jabar Taqwa, the provincial governor. It was not immediately known whether NATO forces were involved in trying to subdue the protesters, or opened fire on them.

Taqwa condemned the NATO raid that precipitated the riot but also blamed Taliban agents for stirring up the crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 people.

Night raids have been a source of tension between NATO and Afghan officials, including Karzai, who has said they frequently lead to civilian casualties and deepened popular distrust of the government and NATO forces.

"With all the repeated warnings that have been given by the president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in regards to the prevention of these willful operations by NATO forces, it seems these types of operations have not been stopped," Karzai's office said in a statement Wednesday.

In its own statement, NATO said the joint Afghan and coalition raid was aimed at a man accused of providing weapons and explosives to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan — a group linked to al-Qaida.

The team was preparing to search a family compound when a woman wearing an ammunition belt and carrying an AK-47 pointed the rifle at team members; after ignoring several commands to drop it, she was killed, the statement said.

The second woman was killed shortly afterward when she rushed out of the compound and pointed a pistol at coalition forces, the statement said. □

# World Briefs

## Newspaper columnist slain in Venezuela

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuelan prosecutors say a newspaper columnist who was also an opposition political activist has been shot to death. The Attorney General's Office says Wilfred Ivan Ojeda's body was found Tuesday in a vacant lot in the town of La Victoria, and that he was shot in the head. The 56-year-old was a local political activist for the opposition party Democratic Action and also a columnist for the small daily El Clarin in the rural town southwest of Caracas. El Clarin reported that Ojeda's body was discovered gagged and hooded and that his hands were bound. In a statement on Wednesday, the Attorney General's Office said authorities were investigating but didn't offer any theory as to the motive in the killing. □

## Guatemala police detain Zeta leader

**GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — President Alvaro Colom says a man arrested in the killing of 27 cattle ranch workers is an alleged leader for the Zetas in Guatemala and a former soldier. Colom says Hugo Alvaro Gomez Vasquez is a former member of the kaibiles, Guatemalan soldiers trained in counterinsurgency methods.

Colom said Wednesday that Gomez Vasquez is suspected of taking part in the weekend killings in the northern province of Peten. Gomez Vasquez was taken by helicopter to Peten's capital of Alta Verapaz under heavy security. He denied the charges in a brief statement to the media, saying "they are accusing me of many things ... but I'm a farmer. I'm from Peten." □

## PR opens region's largest coffee plant

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — Puerto Rico has opened the largest coffee-processing plant in the Caribbean as it strives to revive its fading coffee industry. Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters said in a statement Wednesday that the new facilities of Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters are capable of processing a maximum of 30,000 pounds (13,600 kilograms) of coffee a year.

The company invested \$20 million in machinery, equipment and renovations at its 120,000-sq. foot (11,000-sq. meter) plant in the southern coastal city of Ponce. Puerto Rico Coffee Roasters produces brands including Yaucono Coffee, Cafe Rioja and Cafe Rico. □

## Maradona says Al Wasl offered "good money"

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Diego Maradona accepted the offer to coach United Arab Emirates club Al Wasl because it offered "good money," he said on Wednesday. The Argentine great stunned the football world by taking the job with the little-known Dubai outfit on Monday, his first post since leaving the Argentine national side after the World Cup. "It's a marvelous experience," Maradona told the TyC sports channel. "It's the chance to be in a country where perhaps there aren't many stars, but there's a squad to command and good money." The 50-year-old Maradona signed a two-year deal and will take control of the club when the new season starts in September. The terms of his contract have not been released. □



# Decoding the mysteries of nightclubs' permanent guest lists

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**NEW YORK** — It's 2 a.m. at Lavo, the New York hot spot, and there's an impenetrable mob radiating from a single point: the doorman. His name is Richard Wheeler, he speaks softly with a British accent, and he's not nearly as intimidating as the two beefy bouncers who flank him.

Everyone is vying for Wheeler's attention, particularly, it seems, middle-aged men who prize young women who prize very expensive high heels. "Did you see the two girls we're with?" a man with slicked-back hair implores. "They're hot!"

The doorman looks skeptical. "Let's not go that far," he says. Amid this clamor, a grizzled gentleman in an expensive-looking blazer walks up. Instead of schmoozing the doorman or checking to see if he's on the guest list, he whips out his wallet and flashes a mysterious card. The velvet ropes part, no questions asked.

Being able to breeze into the right clubs can mark one's place in nocturnal society. But

stuck outside, the hardest-to-crack clubs offer another, more exclusive way in: a permanent guest list that allows super VIPs to waltz in anytime. It's an invisible velvet rope reserved for insiders.

**In April, the partners at Lavo sent out bronze-colored A-list cards to about 1,000 friends and associates, each bearing the cardholder's name and a three-digit number.**

**"Dear Friend," the enclosed note said, "Because it is not always possible to call in advance or make reservations or add yourself to the guest list, we have created a permanent guest list."**

Noah Tepperberg, one of the partners of Lavo, said the list is composed of boldface names like the media heiress Amanda Hearst, the chef Eric Ripert, Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte and the art dealer Tony Shafrazi. But the bulk are industry bigwigs who don't usually appear on Page Six, including record la-

email or my phone number or know to call ahead."

When asked how one gets on the list, Tepperberg offered his condolences. "There's no rhyme or reason to it," he said. "You have to become familiar or get acquainted with the owners. And that's just the

permanent list stays the same no matter the night, whether it's a rainy Monday or a busy Thursday with the fashion world's favorite DJ, Michel Gaubert.

At 1Oak, an upscale New York club that gets its share of celebrities, the permanent list

people who are spending money, the people who are at the bar, the people who are filler, the people who are trendy, the scene-makers."

Seen in that light, the permanent guest list is just another iteration of a proven nightlife formula: Entice the cool



A line forms outside of 1Oak in New York. A select number of clubs have quietly kept a permanent guest list for favorite customers and at 1Oak, an upscale club in Chelsea that gets its share of celebrities, the permanent list is referred to as the Bible.

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)



Vanessa Davison waits in line outside of 1Oak. A select number of clubs have quietly kept a permanent guest list for favorite customers and at 1Oak, an upscale club in Chelsea that gets its share of celebrities, the permanent list is referred to as the Bible.

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)

unless you're a wispy catwalker who's on a first-name basis with the doorman, it usually involves a measure of social jockeying. Dropping \$1,000 on bottle service also helps. But unknown to the poor souls

bel executives, magazine editors, well-connected publicists and modeling agents.

"These people aren't club crawlers," Tepperberg said. "They don't know the doorman. They might not carry my

starting point."

A select number of clubs have quietly kept a permanent guest list for favorite customers. Unlike a regular guest list, which changes nightly depending on who's giving the party, the

is referred to as the Bible. Although the club is four years old, the list goes back a decade, cobbled together from the handwritten who's-who of the owners' previous establishments, including Life and Lotus.

The Bible numbers about 2,000 and is now kept on an iPad, which is synched with the club's server. It tracks not only names, but also drink preferences and spending habits.

Whereas Lavo's list is mostly friends and business associates who don't frequent nightclubs, 1Oak's list is more like a VIP catch-all. Ronnie Madra, one of 1Oak's partners, would not disclose names on the list, but described those on it as "celebs, socialites, tastemakers, trendsetters and high-net-worth players from all around the world."

"I come from an old-school background: If the doorman thought you were cool, then you're in," Madra said. "Now, you need a list to keep the balance between the VIPs, the

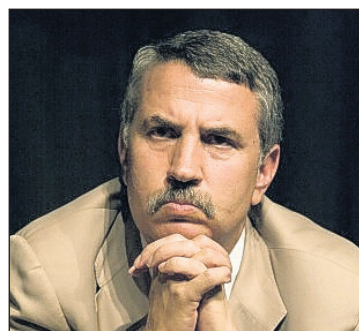
crowd with VIP treatment, and the paying masses will follow. "It's important to make people feel like they are taken care of, like they are insiders," said Matt Abramcyk, the Beatrice Inn alumnus who now runs the Bunker Club, an underground spot known for its cruel door policy. "I think every club must do this."

The Bunker's super A-list, which is also kept on an iPad, numbers about 1,000. Abramcyk also declined to divulge any names, but said the list was not confined to movers and shakers. "It's a bit more egalitarian," he said. "We have magicians and ventriloquists, too."

Carving out special access to nightclubs is about as old as nightclubs themselves. During Prohibition, the Mansion, a New York speakeasy, opened its doors only to permanent guests possessing "a unique wooden card," which was "distributed with caution," Al Hirschfeld and Gordon Kahn wrote in their classic book, "The Speakeasies of 1932." □



# Bibi and Barack



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Reading the headlines from the Middle East these days — Christians and Muslims clashing in Egypt, Syria attempting to crush its democracy rebellion and Palestinians climbing over fences into Israel — you get the sense of a region where the wheels could really start to come off. In such a moment, President Barack Obama has to show the same decisiveness he showed in tracking down Osama bin Laden. A useful analogy for this moment comes from climate science, where a popular motto says: Given how much climate change is already baked into our future, the best we can do now is manage the unavoidable and avoid the unmanageable.

In Middle East terms, the “unmanageable” we have to avoid is another war between Israel and any of its neighbors. The “unavoidable” we have to manage is dealing with what is certain to be a much more unstable Arab world, sitting atop the world’s largest oil reserves. The strategy we need is a serious peace policy combined with a serious energy policy.

Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel is always wondering why his nation is losing support and what the world expects of a tiny country surrounded by implacable foes. I can’t speak for the world, but I can speak for myself. I have no idea whether Israel has a Palestinian or Syrian partner for a secure peace that Israel can live with. But I know this: With a more democratic and populist Arab world in Israel’s future, and with Israel facing the prospect of having a minority of Jews permanently ruling over a majority of Arabs — between Israel and the West Bank, which could

lead to Israel being equated with apartheid South Africa all over the world — Israel needs to use every ounce of its creativity to explore ways to securely cede the West Bank to a Palestinian state.

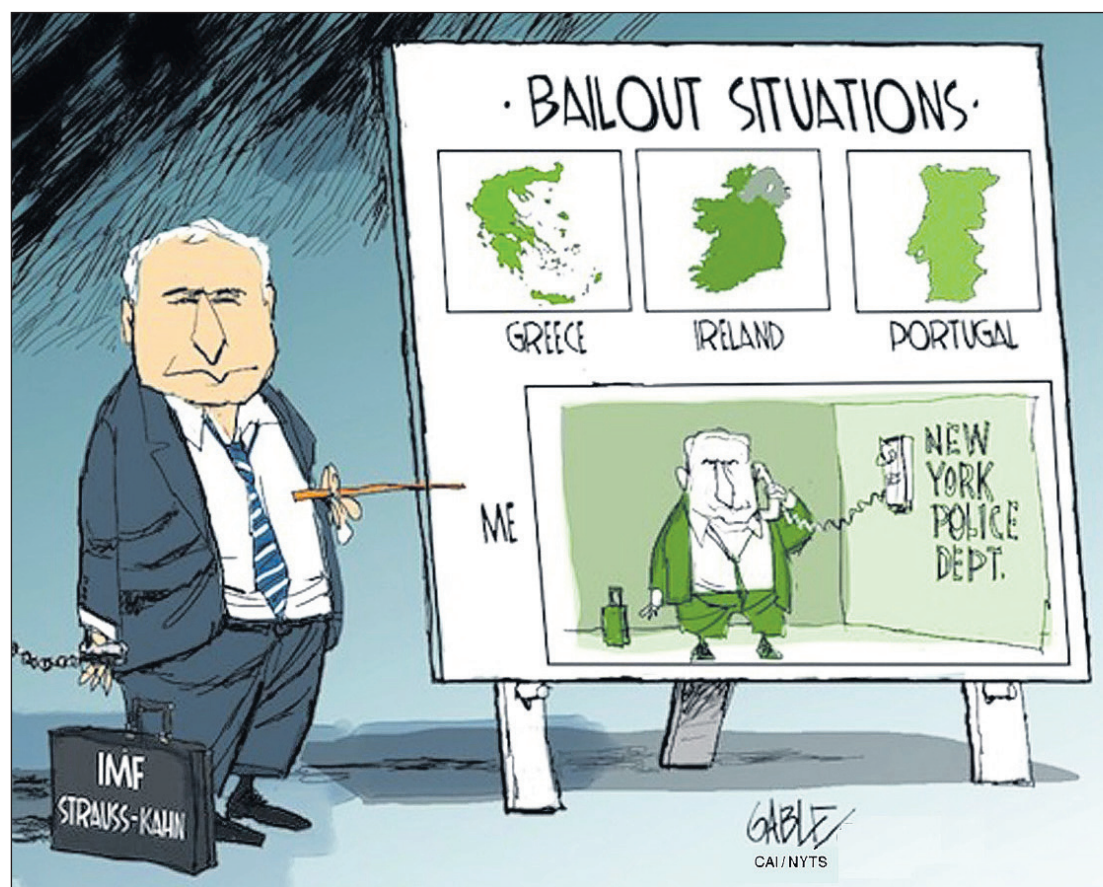
I repeat: It may not be possible. But Netanyahu has not spent his time in office using Israel’s creativity to find ways to do such a deal. He has spent his time trying to avoid such a deal — and everyone knows it. No one is fooled.

Israel is in a dangerous situation. For the first time in its history, it has bad relations with all three regional superpowers — Turkey, Iran and Egypt — plus rapidly eroding support in Europe. America is Israel’s only friend today. These strains are not all Israel’s fault by any means, especially with Iran, but Israel will never improve ties with Egypt, Turkey and Europe without a more serious effort to safely get out of the West Bank.

The only way for Netanyahu to be taken seriously again is if he risks some political capital and actually surprises people. Bibi keeps hinting that he is ready for painful territorial compromises involving settlements. Fine, put a map on the table. Let’s see what you’re talking about. Or how about removing the illegal West Bank settlements built by renegade settler groups against the will of Israel’s government. Either move would force Israel’s adversaries to take Bibi seriously and would pressure Palestinians to be equally serious.

Absent that, it’s just silly for us to have Netanyahu addressing the U.S. Congress when he needs to be addressing Palestinians down the street. And it is equally silly for the Palestinians to be going to the United Nations for a state when they need to be persuading Israelis why a Hamas-Fatah rapprochement is in their security interest.

As for managing the unavoidable, well, Obama just announced that he was opening up more federal areas for oil exploration, as Republicans have demanded. □



## Powerful and primitive



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WASHINGTON — Oh, she wanted it. She wanted it bad. That’s what every hard-working, God-fearing, young widow who breaks her back doing menial labor at a Times Square hotel to support her teenage daughter, justify her immigration status and take advantage of the opportunities in America wants — a crazed, rutting, wrinkly old satyr charging naked out of a bathroom, lunging at her and dragging her around the room, caveman-style.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn’s reputation as a thrice-married French seducer loses something in the translation.

According to the claims of the 32-year-old West African maid, what took place in the \$3,000-a-day Sofitel suite had nothing to do with seduction. If the allegation is

true, Strauss-Kahn’s behavior, boorish and primitive, is rape. Was the chief of the International Monetary Fund telling other countries to tighten their belts while he was dropping his trousers? Lawyers for the 62-year-old Frenchman, who had been a leading Socialist prospect to run against Nicolas Sarkozy next year, seem ready to rebut any DNA evidence by arguing that sex with the maid who came in to clean his room was consensual.

Will they argue that she wilted with desire once she realized Strauss-Kahn had been at Davos? Jeffrey Shapiro, the maid’s lawyer, angrily rebutted that there was “nothing, nothing” consensual about the *droit du monsieur*. (It was not a “come in and see my monetary fund” kind of thing.)

“She is a simple housekeeper who was going into a room to clean a room,” Shapiro told The Times. He called the devout Muslim woman from the Bronx “a very proper, dignified young woman” and said “she did not even know who this guy was” until she saw the news accounts.

Strauss-Kahn’s French defenders are throwing around nutty conspiracy theories, sounding like the Pakistanis about Osama. Some have suggested that he was the victim

of a honey-pot arranged by the Sarkozy forces.

Bernard-Henri Levy, a friend, says he is outraged at the portrayal of Strauss-Kahn as an “insatiable and malevolent beast.” He wrote on The Daily Beast: “It would be nice to know — and without delay — how a chambermaid could have walked in alone, contrary to the habitual practice of most of New York’s grand hotels of sending a ‘cleaning brigade’ of two people, into the room of one of the most closely watched figures on the planet.” At least he didn’t mention Dreyfus.

For years, I’ve stayed at the Sofitel and other hotels in New York City, and I’ve never seen a “brigade,” simply single maids coming in to clean.

In Washington, they have now nicknamed the street that separates the IMF and the World Bank, where Paul Wolfowitz lost his job over financial hanky-panky with his girlfriend, the Boulevard of Bad Behavior.

These are the two institutions that are globally renowned for lecturing the rest of the world on discipline and freedom, when it’s the West that’s guilty of recklessness and improvident behavior. First in finance, then in sex. □



# FBI relaciona activista de EEUU con extremistas colombianos

**ESTADOD UNIDOS (AP)** - Documentos abandonados por agentes federales estadounidenses durante el allanamiento de la casa de una activista antibélica en septiembre pasado echan luz sobre la evolución de una investigación sobre las presuntas relaciones entre activistas locales y extremistas en Colombia y el Medio Oriente.

Un documento dice que la investigación se basó inicialmente en las actividades de dos activistas locales —incluidos sus viajes a zonas de Colombia controladas por terroristas— y luego se amplió para abarcar a otras 16 personas en seis estados acusadas de dar apoyo material a terroristas en Colombia o los territorios palestinos.

Veintitrés personas en Minneapolis, Chicago y Grand Rapids, Michigan, han recibido órdenes de comparecer ante un jurado investigador en Illinois. Las autoridades se han limitado a decir que las actividades investigadas constituyen apoyo material al terrorismo, sin entrar en detalles. No hay acusados y los activistas dicen que ninguno de

ellos ha declarado ante el jurado. Los documentos fueron hallados en la casa del activista antibélico Mike Kelly en Minneapolis el 30 de abril y entregados a The Associated Press esta semana. La casa fue una de las allanadas en septiembre.

El vocero del FBI Steve Warfield dijo que los papeles parecen ser documentos legítimos del FBI y que posiblemente los dejaron en la casa por error. Los activistas califican los allanamientos y órdenes de comparecencia de acoso e intento por parte del FBI de atentar contra los derechos de palabra y reunión y han realizado varios actos de protesta.

Jess Sundin, otra activista cuya casa fue allanada, dijo que el grupo optó por difundir los documentos porque dan una idea de los motivos de la investigación. Las órdenes de comparecencia sólo mencionan el tipo de pruebas que buscan las autoridades.

“Nos parece que los documentos refuerzan y confirman lo que siempre hemos dicho”, dijo Sundin. “Confirman nuestras sospechas sobre el

porqué de la investigación oficial y algunos de los aspectos particulares que objetan”.

Warfield no hizo otras declaraciones, señalando que el caso está abierto. Randall Samborn, vocero de la procuraduría federal en Chicago, tampoco hizo declaraciones.

Los documentos indican que la investigación se inició a raíz de las relaciones de los activistas con gente en Colombia. “El caso de referencia se basó inicialmente en las actividades de Meredith Aby y Jessica Rae Sundin en apoyo a las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), designada por el Departamento de Estado como organización terrorista extranjera (OTE) y se amplió para incluir sus viajes anteriores a territorio controlado por las FARC”, dice un documento.

“Desde que se iniciaron las investigaciones originales, se ha identificado a 16 sujetos adicionales en seis divisiones del FBI”, agregó. El documento añade que personas en Minneapolis, Chicago, Phoenix, Detroit, Los Angeles y Charlotte, Carolina del Norte, han “proporcionado



**ARCHIVO** - Foto de archivo, 27 de septiembre de 2010, de Jess Sundin, de Minneapolis, durante una protesta contra los allanamientos del FBI en su casa y las de otros activistas antibélicos. Documentos abandonados por los agentes federales durante el allanamiento revelan una investigación sobre aparentes conexiones entre activistas locales y grupos extremistas en Colombia y el Medio Oriente. (AP Foto/Craig Lassig, File)

o se han asociado delictivamente para proporcionar apoyo material a las FARC y/o el Frente Popular para la Liberación de Palestina, también designada como OTE por el Departamento de Estado”. Sundin dijo que viajó a Colombia hace 11 años, no para entregar dinero o armas a las FARC sino para conocer a la gente y sus reclamos. En

esa época, las FARC estaban en negociaciones con el gobierno colombiano. Sundin dijo que voló en un avión militar colombiano a una pequeña población donde se realizaban las conversaciones. Añadió que en esa ocasión habló con jóvenes que llegaban en autobuses para hablar sobre educación, desempleo y toda clase de problemas sociales. □

## Venezuela sale de recesión, crece 4,5% en primer trimestre

**VENEZUELA (AP)** - La economía venezolana alcanzó en el primer trimestre un crecimiento 4,5%, dejando atrás el proceso de contracción que enfrentó el país en los últimos dos años, anunciaron el martes las autoridades.

A pesar de la caída de 1,8% que sufrió la industria petrolera, que es el corazón económico del país, el Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) registró entre enero y marzo un crecimiento de 4,5%, gracias al impulso del sector público y la actividad privada, indicó Nelson Merentes, presidente del Banco Central de Venezuela (BCV).

“Evidentemente hemos salido de la fase recesiva”, dijo el ministro de Planificación y Finanzas, Jorge Giordani, al alabar la activación del

primer trimestre, que supera considerablemente la contracción de 4,8% que enfrentó la economía en el mismo período del 2010. Desde el cuarto trimestre del 2010 la economía reportó una activación de 0,6%.

Merentes dijo en conferencia de prensa que el sector público mostró un crecimiento de 3,3%, mientras que la actividad privada repuntó a 4,6%, luego de ocho trimestres continuos de caídas. Al referirse a la contracción del sector petrolero, el presidente del BCV expresó que la caída estuvo asociada a la “composición de los taladros” que utiliza la estatal Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) para sus actividades de extracción de crudos, pero aseguró que la producción “aumentará” en los próximos meses. □

## Taiwán abre su mercado al azúcar de Panamá

**PANAMA (AP)** - Panamá y Taiwán suscribieron el martes una enmienda al tratado de libre comercio que tienen vigente desde el 2004 y que permitirá al país centroamericano exportar hasta 60.000 toneladas de azúcar al mercado asiático.

Panamá no estaba exportando azúcar, uno de sus principales rubros de producción, a Taiwán debido a que no estaba contemplado en el tratado comercial vigente entre ambas naciones desde hace ocho años.

Tras evaluaciones, Taiwán decidió modificar el reglamento concerniente y otorgar a Panamá una cuota de azúcar que incluye 39.000 toneladas de azúcar cruda y 21.000 toneladas de azúcar refinada, dijo el viceministro de Asuntos Económicos de Taiwán Francis K. H. Liang, durante el acto en que fue su-

scrita la enmienda.

El Ministro de Comercio e Industrias de Panamá, Roberto Henríquez, dijo a periodistas que la cuota que se designó a Panamá es similar a la cantidad que los productores panameños exportan hacia Estados Unidos.

Recordó que los ingenios locales abastecen el consumo local. “No creo que en el corto plazo vamos a llenar esta cuota pero lo que los gobiernos hacemos es abrir la oportunidad a los productores nacionales”.

Panamá y Taiwán también suscribieron en la víspera un acuerdo de supresión de visas para pasaportes diplomáticos, oficiales, consulares y especiales y que fue atestiguada por el vicepresidente de Taiwán, Vincent C. Siew, quien cumplió, el martes una visita de dos días a Panamá. □



# Hopkins set to dethrone Foreman as oldest champ

Boxer Bernard Hopkins attends a news conference in Montreal, Wednesday, May 18, 2011. WBC-IBO light heavyweight champion Jean Pascal will defend his title against Hopkins on Saturday, May 21 in Montreal.

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### New No. 11



Tiger Woods grimaces after hitting his ball twice into the water on the fourth hole during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday May 12, 2011 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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### Woods to fall out of top 10

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods is about to fall out of the top 10 in the world rankings for the first time in 14 years.

Woods, whose last win came 18 months ago at the Australian Masters, will drop to at least No. 11 in the next world ranking published on Monday. It will be the first time he is out of the top 10 since he was No. 13 on April 6, 1997, the week before he won the Masters for the first of his 14 majors.

Forbes, meanwhile, says he's still the No. 1 celebrity in U.S. sports. Woods checks in at No. 6 on Forbes' annual "Celebrity 100" list of the most powerful people or groups in the entertainment business. Lady Gaga tops the overall rankings, followed by Oprah Winfrey, Justin Bieber, U2 and Elton John.

Miami Heat star LeBron James is the second-ranked athlete behind Woods at No. 10. Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is No. 14. □



## MAVERICK MOMENT

### Dallas tops OKC in Game 1

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) shoots against Oklahoma City Thunder center Kendrick Perkins (5) during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in Dallas.

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# Animal Kingdom is 2-1 favorite for Preakness Stakes



Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom with David Nava aboard gets a morning workout at the Fair Hill Training Center on Monday, May 16, 2011 in Fair Hill, Md. Associated Press

**BETH HARRIS**  
AP Racing Writer

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Kentucky

Derby winner Animal Kingdom has been made the early 2-1 favorite for the Preakness Stakes.

Trained by Graham Motion and ridden by John Velazquez, Animal Kingdom drew the No. 11 post in a full field of 14 for Saturday's 1 3-16-mile race at Pimlico.

It will be the first time since 2005 that 14 horses are set to run in the second leg of the Triple Crown series.

Just two winners since 1926 have come out of the No. 11 post, the last being Point Given trained by Bob Baffert in 2001.

Seventy favorites have won in the previous 135 runnings, including 2009 champion Rachel Alexandra and Big Brown, who was the 1-5 favorite in 2008.

Dialed In, the beaten Derby favorite, is the 9-2 second choice of Pimlico oddsmaker Frank Carulli.

The colt drew the No. 10 post on Wednesday. Dialed In finished eighth in the Derby nearly two weeks ago.

Mucho Macho Man, third in the Derby, is the 6-1 third choice and will break from the No. 9 post.

Baffert's colt, Midnight Interlude, drew the No. 7 post and is listed at 15-1. He finished 16th in the Derby.

Last year, Baffert won the Preakness for the fifth time with Lookin At Lucky, who landed in the seventh post. The colt bounced back from a bad post position and trip in the Derby, where he was the favorite and finished sixth. Velazquez is keeping his mount on Animal Kingdom after replacing injured Robby Albarado the day before the Derby.

Albarado picked up a Preakness mount with King Congie.

In a jockey switch, Martin Garcia replaces Victor Espinoza on Santa Anita Derby winner Midnight Interlude.

Espinoza will ride California invader Mr. Commons, who will break from the No. 14 post.

Astrology, trained by Steve Asmussen, drew the No. 1 post.

Shackleford, the only other Derby runner in the field, is one of two horses at 12-1 odds.

The colt was fourth in the Derby.

Nine new horses will take aim at Animal Kingdom, including the longest shots in the field — Concealed Identity, Isn't He Perfect and Norman Asbjornson — who are all 30-1. □

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NBA Playoff

# Nowitzki's 48 leads Mavs past Thunder in Game 1

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AP Sports Writer

**DALLAS (AP)** — Dirk Nowitzki made 10 of his first 11 shots and an NBA playoff-record 24 straight free throws on the way to 48 points as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-112 in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals Tuesday. Jason Terry scored 24 points and J.J. Barea added 21 points as the Mavericks picked up where they left off in a sweep of the Lakers nine days before. They broke open a tight

game with a 13-0 run late in the second quarter and never trailed again, stretching their franchise-record postseason winning streak to seven games.

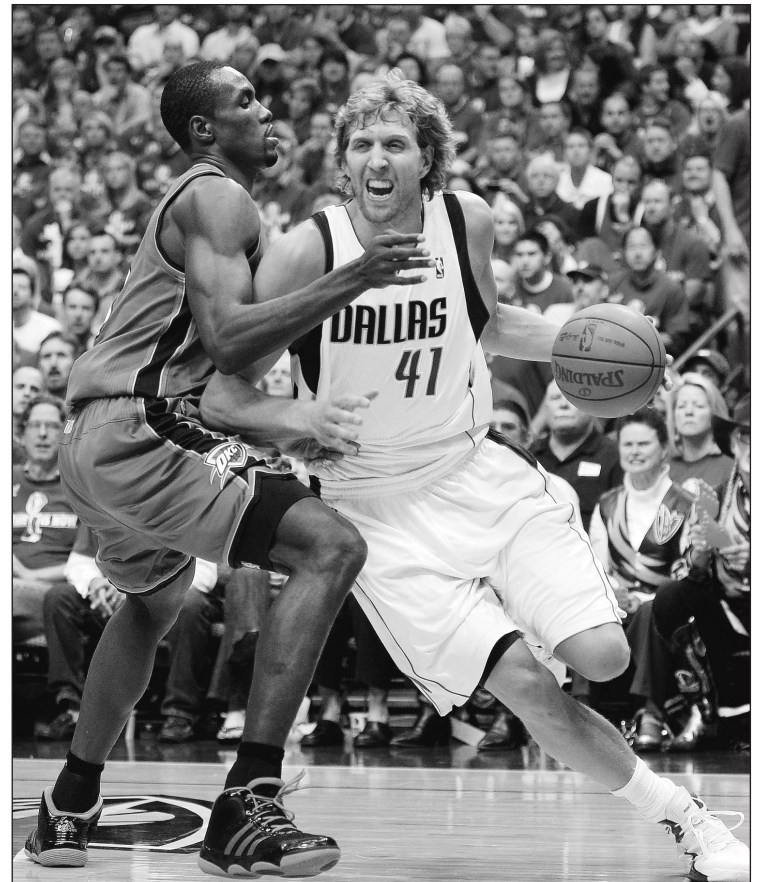
Game 2 is Thursday in Dallas, where the Mavs are unbeaten from six games this postseason.

The Thunder — fresh off a seven-game series against Memphis that included a total of four overtimes — led by nine early in the second quarter, then went 6:28 between baskets. They missed 10 shots

during that drought and were down by 11 when it ended. They eventually trailed by 16 before clawing within five points with 3:42 left, and six with 48.5 seconds to play.

Kevin Durant followed his 39 points in Game 7 of the previous round by scoring 40, one shy of his most ever in a playoff game. While Nowitzki dominated, Durant's scoring binge merely helped his team stay close.

Russell Westbrook went from a triple-double in his last game to 20 points, three



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) of Germany drives against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in Dallas. Associated Press

## U.S. beats Kazakhstan 2-1

### World Team Cup

**DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)** — The United States secured a 2-1 win over Kazakhstan at the World Team Cup on Wednesday when Mardy Fish and John Isner defeated Andrey Golubev and Mikhail Kukushkin 6-3, 7-6 (10).

The victory came after the two singles matches had been shared on Tuesday, with Fish beating Golubev and Kukushkin outlasting Sam Querrey. The United States will play Argentina to decide the winner of the Red Group, after the South Americans defeated Sweden 2-1.

All four teams in the Blue Group have a 1-1 record. Spain came from behind to

beat Germany 2-1, while Serbia defeated Russia 2-1 despite losing Wednesday's doubles. The winner of each group will play in Saturday's final. Kukushkin dropped his serve in Wednesday's doubles to give the United States a 5-3 lead in the first set, and Isner then served out to love.

In the second set Isner was broken in the second game, but the United States recovered the break at 2-4 when Kukushkin again conceded his serve. The Americans then held off two set points in the tiebreaker before claiming victory on their fifth match point.

The win was further encour-

agement for 29-year old Fish, who little more than a year ago was struggling to make an impact. This week he is the top-ranked American at No. 10. He is now looking forward to arriving in Paris, determined to improve on his previous performances at the French Open.

"I'm excited about my form going into the French Open," he said. "I've never made it past the second round but I've certainly put in the work."

Fish has made one of the most dramatic improvements of any player over the past 12 months, and he feels he has earned his success. □

assists and three rebounds. He missed 12 of his 15 shots, including 10 of his first 11. Despite his poor aim, he had taken more shots than Durant at one point late in the third quarter, fueling the critics who say he's too much of a scorer and not enough of a distributor.

The Thunder's big problem, though, was Nowitzki.

Six players tried stopping him, and the big German either

shot over them or put them in foul trouble. He made 13 free throws in the third quarter alone. And when Oklahoma City sent a second defender at him, Nowitzki usually passed to the teammate left open.

Nowitzki finished 12 of 15 from the field and a perfect 24 of 24 at the line. He was two points shy of his most ever in a playoff game. He also had six rebounds, four assists and four blocks. □

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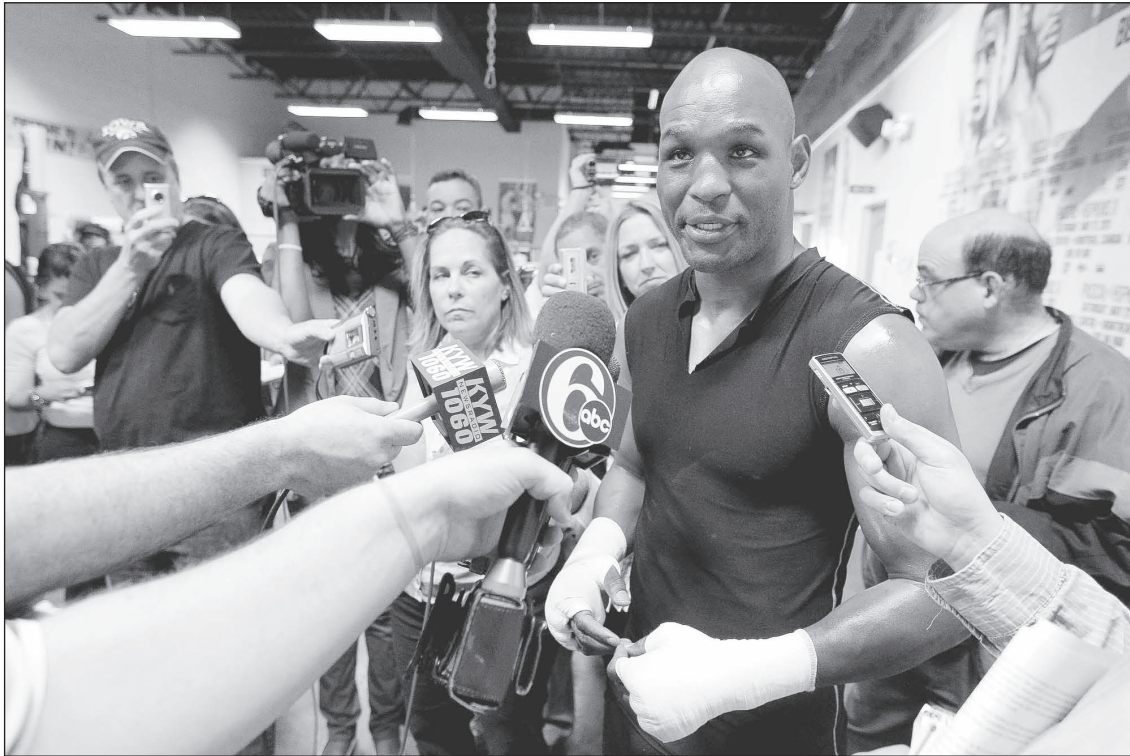
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# Hopkins set to dethrone Foreman as oldest champ



In this Tuesday, May 10, 2011, boxer Bernard Hopkins speaks with members of the media in Philadelphia. If 46-year-old Hopkins defeats WBC light heavyweight champion Jean Pascal on Saturday in Montreal, he'll dethrone George Foreman as the oldest boxer to win a world title

*Associated Press*

**DAN GELSTON**

**AP Sports Writer**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** —

At an age where most athletes are retired, coaching or lining their wallets signing autographs at the local mall, Bernard Hopkins is one knockout from history.

If the 46-year-old Hopkins defeats WBC light heavyweight champion Jean Pascal on Saturday in Montreal, boxing's golden oldie will dethrone George Foreman as the oldest boxer to win a world title.

Foreman was 45 years, 10 months when he knocked out

heavyweight champion Michael Moorer in 1994. Hopkins will be 46 years, four months and six days old in his rematch with Pascal.

"You're dealing with the guy that's not the norm," Hopkins said.

Hopkins has always been unconventional, and defeating Father Time — alongside Oscar De La Hoya, Felix Trinidad, and Roy Jones, Jr., through the years — may be his biggest achievement yet. Hopkins has his blueprint for the next two years set. He plans to convincingly defeat

Pascal, then fight three more times and retire as the champion.

Of course, the call is out of the same playbook written by a boxer who promised his mother he'd retire at 40.

Hopkins (51-5-2) has something to prove after a lackluster finish in the first Pascal bout. The Haitian-born Pascal knocked down Hopkins in the first and third rounds; Pascal tagged him with a left in the third to put him on the canvas. However, Hopkins rallied and won on the American judge's scorecard. Judges from Can-

ada and Belgium ruled it a draw. The WBC ordered an immediate rematch after the majority draw, with the fight to be held near Pascal's adopted hometown.

Known as "The Executioner," Hopkins realized he can't leave the decision to the scorecard.

"I want to instigate and agitate a little bit up there," Hopkins said. "You understand what I'm saying? Broad Street Bullies."

The Philadelphia native has long considered himself the city's fifth franchise. He's a die-hard fan of the big four and will wear Flyers' Hall of Fame center Bobby Clarke's jersey to the ring.

The jersey won't be the only souvenir he'll bring with him from home. Hopkins has possession of the title belt.

Hopkins, who served five years in state prison, kept it after the 28-year-old Pascal playfully handed it over at a press conference. He has the title on display at his Philadelphia condominium.

He figures it's time to move it around his waist.

"I know I've got to make it official on paper," Hopkins said. Foreman said he'll be watching the fight on HBO and is rooting for Hopkins to break the mark. Foreman, who turned into a grill pitchman when he retired, predicted Hopkins would win.

"I'm expecting Bernard to

load up in the latter end of the fight, and go for the knockout, break that record, and break it fair and square where everybody can see it," Foreman said. "The first fight is going to have to be erased. The decision was not of quality. The second time around, Bernard will get a knockout."

Hopkins swears there's no secret to his longevity, no magic formula or pills that keep him in top shape. His straight-edge lifestyle bans junk food and booze, bedtime is 9 p.m., and he takes a daily run through Philadelphia's parks and past scenic Boathouse Row.

Unlike so many aging fighters, Hopkins shows no outward sign of the effects of those punishing blows to the head.

"I don't stutter," he said. "I don't slur my speech."

He's right. In fact, his mouth works fine.

Hopkins was heard loud and clear last week when he unloaded a series of racially tinged insults at former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb. As disciplined as he's lived at staying fit and squirreling away his millions, Hopkins has been loose with his lips. He has curiously lashed out at McNabb for years, questioning his heart and leadership, and attacking his upbringing as reasons to dislike him. Hopkins said McNabb has "got a sun-tan, that's all." □

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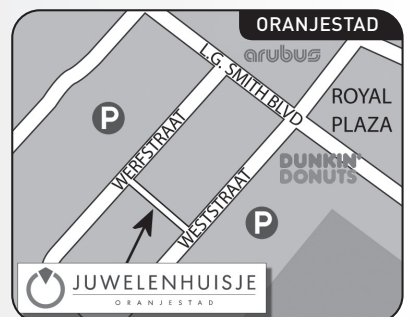
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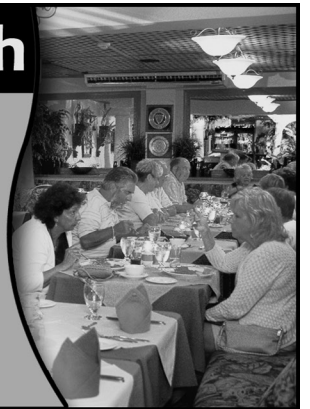
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## NHL Roundup

# Seguin's 2 goals, 2 assists lift Bruins to 6-5 victory

HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — Tyler Seguin had two goals and two assists as the Boston Bruins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-5 to level the Eastern Conference finals at one game each on Tuesday.

Boston earned a split at home and snapped the Lightning's eight-game winning streak that began when they were down 3-1 to Pittsburgh in the first round. Game 3 is at Tampa Bay on Thursday.

The 19-year-old Seguin, the second pick in last year's NHL draft, was benched for the first 11 playoff games because of perceived defensive shortcomings. He rejoined the lineup for the series opener,

getting a goal and an assist, when Patrice Bergeron sat out because of a mild concussion. On Tuesday, with Bergeron still sidelined, Seguin tied it at 2 just 48 seconds into the second period then made it 4-2 at 6:30.

Vincent Lecavalier cut the Lightning's deficit to 4-3 with a power-play goal at 7:48, but Seguin set up two goals by Michael Ryder that put Boston on top 6-3 entering the third. Steven Stamkos and Dominic Moore scored in the final period for the Lightning.

Adam Hall gave the Lightning a 1-0 lead 13 seconds after the opening faceoff, the quickest goal in the team's playoff history. In their opening 5-2 win, the Lightning set club postsea-

son records with two goals in 19 seconds and three in 1:25, all in the first period.

Nathan Horton tied Game 2 with a power-play goal at 13:58, but the Lightning took a 2-1 lead when Martin St. Louis scored with 7 seconds left in the first period.

The Bruins came out aggressively in the second period and scored five goals.

Seguin started the barrage when he took a pass from Ryder at his blue line and used exceptional speed to race between Tampa Bay defensemen Randy Jones and Victor Hedman. Seguin went in alone on Dwayne Roloson, cut from right to left, and lifted a backhand over the sprawling goalie. □



Boston Bruins center Tyler Seguin, right, shoot the puck past Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Dwayne Roloson on a break away during the second period of Game 2 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Eastern Conference final playoff series, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, in Boston.

Associated Press

## Ian Thorpe back in fighting shape for return

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Five-time Olympic gold medalist Ian Thorpe returned to Australia on Wednesday after 10 days of high-altitude training in Switzerland, saying he's "starting to look like a swimmer again." The 28-year-old Thorpe, who is targeting a place on the Australia team for next year's London Olympics after announcing his comeback in February, plans to meet with head coach Leigh Nugent before returning to his Switzerland base at the end of the week. The fit-looking Thorpe said he was "satisfied . . . I'm content where I'm at but I have a lot to do." Thorpe said he will concen-

trate on the 100- and 200-meter freestyle events and drop the 400, an event in which he once held the world record.

"I honestly don't think I'd have enough time to do anything for the 400," Thorpe said. The 200 could put him up against American star Michael Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics.

Thorpe and Phelps last met in the event dubbed the "Race of the Century," the 200 freestyle final at the Athens Olympics in 2004. Thorpe won, Dutch swimmer Pieter van den Hoogenband was second and Phelps was third. But that was



In this March 16, 2011 file photo, Australian swimmer Ian Thorpe smiles at a press conference at the "youth and sports"-center in Tenero, Switzerland.

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well before Phelps established himself as the most prolific race winner and record holder since Thorpe. □

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Horner wins stage, takes overall lead

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — American Chris Horner claimed a solo uphill win in Stage 4 to take the overall race lead Wednesday at the Tour of California.

The 39-year-old Horner of the RadioShack team, last year finished 10th in the Tour de France as the top American. He completed the 81.8-mile Livermore to San Jose road race in 3 hours, 27 minutes, 51 seconds.

Andy Schleck (Leopard-Trek) of Luxembourg, the 2009 and 2010 Tour de France runner-up, finished second, 1:15 behind. Australian Rory Sutherland (United Healthcare) was third, just behind Schleck.

Horner, fourth overall last year in the Tour of California, now leads the seven-day race by 1:15 over American teammate Levi Leipheimer, the three-time race winner. Tom Danielson (Garmin-Cervelo) of the United States is third overall, trailing by 1:22. □



Chris Horner, of the United States, celebrates his win in Wednesday's stage of the Tour of California cycling race in San Jose, Calif., May 18, 2011.

Associated Press

## K.J. Choi to give \$200,000 to tornado relief

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — K.J. Choi is giving \$200,000 from his win at The Players Championship to help victims of the tornados that ravaged the southeastern United States.

Choi says that while winning The Players was a defining point in his career, those affected by the tornados are going through a low point. He wants the victims to know that their troubles are not being ignored.

The South Korean won The Players in a sudden-death playoff over David Toms for his eighth career victory on the U.S. PGA Tour. He earned \$1.71 million.



K.J. Choi acknowledges the crowd after winning The Players Championship golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl. Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Choi often will give a percentage of his earnings from a U.S. PGA Tour event to a local church in the area. This time, he is giving his money to tornado victims through his K.J. Choi Foundation, which he started four years ago to help unprivileged children around the world. □

## Spain leads FIFA rankings in unchanged top 10

ZURICH (AP) — World Cup winner Spain stayed at the top of the FIFA rankings in May after a quiet month on the international scene left the top 10 unchanged.

The Netherlands remained No. 2, followed by Brazil, Germany and Argentina. The only movement in the top 20 saw No. 13 Chile switch places with Japan. The United States leads CONCACAF at No. 22 going into the Gold Cup, which starts on June 5, while Senegal soared 11 places to 40th to return to the top 50 for the first time since January 2009. □



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# LinkedIn Corp's IPO priced at \$45 a share

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Investors keen to get in on the on-line networking craze snapped up LinkedIn Corp.'s IPO at \$45 per share late Wednesday, hitting the top end of the projected price range. It minted LinkedIn with a market value of more than \$4 billion, the highest for a U.S. Internet company taking its first bow on Wall Street since Google Inc. went public nearly seven years ago.

LinkedIn Corp.'s shares will make their market debut Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange. Mutual funds, pension funds and other major money managers got the first chance to buy most of the IPO's 7.84 million shares because stock in these offerings is typically sold to investment bankers' top customers. That means Main Street investors will get their first chance at LinkedIn on Thursday. Most analysts believe that de-

mand will send shares higher in their first day of trading even though the IPO price already is well above LinkedIn's initial target of \$32 to \$35 per share.

The lofty \$4.3 billion appraisal of LinkedIn reflects investors' belief that Internet services that connect people with common interests will be able to make more money as the Web's audience steadily expands.

LinkedIn's valuation eventually may look modest compared to other Internet companies that are being touted as potentially going public in the next 18 months. The short list includes: online messaging service Twitter, Web game maker Zynga, coupon site Groupon and Facebook, the social network that boasts more than 500 million users.

LinkedIn, based down the street from Google's Mountain View, Calif., headquarters, runs a website that serves as part-Rolodex, part-hiring cen-

ter for workers trying to meet people who might further their careers and businesses searching for talented employees. More than 102 million people have set up LinkedIn profiles so far. Another million join each week.

The company makes most of its money from fees charged for better access to the data on its website. It earned \$3.4 million on revenue of \$243 million last year, but expects to lose money this year as it invests in new products and more computers to run its services.

LinkedIn's initial public offering of stock raised a total of \$353 million. The company's take works out to \$217 million, before investment banking fees and other expenses. The remaining \$136 million was divided among 87 stockholders who sold a total of 3 million shares in the IPO.

The biggest windfalls went to: Goldman Sachs Group Inc., which will get \$39 million from the sale of 871,840 shares; Bain Capital Venture, which will get \$29 mil-



LinkedIn Corp., the professional networking Web site, displays its logo outside of headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., Monday, May 9, 2011.

Associated Press

lion from the sale of 653,880 shares; the McGraw-Hill Cos., which will get \$20 million from the sale of 435,920 shares; and Reid Hoffman, LinkedIn's co-founder and executive chairman, who made \$5 million on the sale of 115,335 shares.

Hoffman retains a 20 percent stake now worth \$853 million. Now a venture capitalist,

Hoffman, 43, also was among the early investors in Facebook, which has said it might file IPO papers before May 2012.

LinkedIn's CEO is Jeff Weiner, a former Yahoo Inc. executive who has been running the professional networking company for the past two years. The company's stock will trade under the ticker "LNKD." □

## Yahoo pays \$28 million for unprofitable online ad service

**SUNNYVALE, California (AP)** — Yahoo Inc. has bought an unprofitable online advertising service called 5to1 Holding Corp. for \$28 million as part of an effort to revive its revenue growth. The deal announced Wednesday provides Yahoo with more tools to place online ads for big companies looking to promote their brands. About 20 websites work with 5to1 to sell their unused advertising space. Those efforts haven't been fruitful for 5to1, which has been losing money since its 2008 inception. Last year, 5to1 lost nearly \$9 million on revenue of less than \$1 million. The company, based in Santa Monica, had 19 employees, including five sales representatives, as of March, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The same filing indicated that 5to1 would need to raise money to keep operating next year.

Yahoo's earnings have risen recently, but its ad revenue hasn't kept up with the rest of the Internet. Last year, for instance, Yahoo's ad revenue increased by just 1 percent while total ad sales on the Internet climbed 15 percent. The financial funk has weighed on Yahoo's stock price, leaving it far below the \$33 a share that the company could have gotten had it accepted a takeover offer from Microsoft Corp. three years ago. Yahoo shares fell 4 cents Wednesday to close at \$15.96. Investors also have been shunning 5to1's shares, which trade in the over the counter market. The stock price stood at \$1.01 before the deal was announced Wednesday, giving 5to1 a market value of \$36 million based on the company's outstanding shares as of May 10. That means Yahoo is buying 5to1 at a roughly 20 percent discount from 5to1's market value. □

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# General Motors to increase Volt production to 60,000 per year

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors will reconfigure the plant that makes the Chevrolet Volt to expand production to up to 60,000 electric cars a year. The Detroit-area factory, which will be shut next month, now can produce about 16,000 a year. GM said the electric car will be in short supply for the next three months because of the four-week shutdown that begins in June. But by moving in new machinery and overhead conveyors, the company will be able to increase the plant's output of the Volt and its European counterpart, the Opel Ampera.



In this Nov. 30, 2010 file photo, Bernie DeVold conducts a quality inspection on a Chevrolet Volt on the production line at the General Motors Hamtramck assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich.

Associated Press

“We will be better able to meet the tremendous consumer demand,” Cristi Landy, the Volt's marketing director, said in a statement Wednesday. The Volt can run on battery power for about 35 miles before a gas-powered motor kicks in to generate electricity. It can be recharged through a home electrical

outlet. The car costs just over \$40,000 but is eligible for a \$7,500 tax credit. The Volt hit the U.S. market late last year and just over 1,700 have been sold through April. The car is now available in nine states and Washington D.C. By the end of this year, Volts be sold nationwide and in Europe, China and Canada. The Volt factory straddles the border between Detroit and the small town of Hamtramck.

The company has dealer orders for all the Volts the plant will produce this year, GM spokeswoman Michelle Bunker said Wednesday. The shutdown also will let GM add equipment to build the 2013 Chevrolet Malibu midsize sedan at the plant starting next year. GM will stop producing two other big cars at the factory, the Cadillac DTS and Buick Lucerne, later this year. □

# Allstate buys Esurance, Answer Financial for \$1B

NEW YORK (AP) — Home and auto insurer Allstate Corp. is buying Esurance and Answer Financial from White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd. for about \$1 billion, the companies said Wednesday. Allstate said the deal will help it tap consumers who prefer certain brands along with consumers who want choices among insurance carriers. White Mountains Insurance, based in Hanover, New Hampshire, said the sale will increase its book value by \$80 per share. Esurance sells auto insurance directly to customers online and through call centers. Answer Financial is an independent personal insurance agency. Allstate, based in Northbrook, Illinois, has agreed to pay \$700 million plus the tangible net value of the businesses being acquired. It estimates the total price would be about \$1 billion. It expects the deal to reduce earnings in the first year after the transaction closes, said company spokeswoman Maryellen Thielen. The company said in its statement that it expects the transaction won't lower earnings after the first year. Last month, Allstate said its first-quarter profit more than quadrupled as it paid out less money for damage claims. The results handily beat Wall Street's expectations. The company also said at the time that rate hikes on homeowners' insurance were approved in 12 states during the quarter. Allstate has said that it would work to improve returns in the homeowners unit, as a growing number of weather-related incidents such as hurricanes, wildfires and hailstorms in recent years has eroded the bottom line. White Mountains shares rose \$48.952, or 14.2 percent, to \$392.55 in morning trading Wednesday. Allstate shares slipped 14 cents to \$32.28. □



# Credit-card business pushes Target net up 2.7 pct

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Falling expenses in its credit-card business helped Target Corp.'s first-quarter net income rise 2.7 percent, even though the company said gas and food price hikes made its shoppers cautious. Target shares fell more than 2 percent Wednesday afternoon after company executives hinted to analysts during a morning conference call that the discount chain may not be able to meet Wall Street's earnings forecasts because of higher-than-expected expenses tied to its Canadian expansion. The shares recovered some, closing at \$49.96, down 82 cents, or 1.6 percent. But economic uncertainty is also tempering Target's outlook.



“While the U.S. economy is showing some signs of improvement, we expect the recovery will continue to be slow and uneven, particularly for more moderate-income households,” Gregg Steinhafel, CEO, chairman and president, said during a conference call with analysts. Target said it earned \$689 million, or 99 cents per share, for the three months that ended April 30. That compares with \$671 million, or 90 cents per share, in the same period last year.

**Total revenue rose 2.2 percent to \$15.93 billion. Revenue at stores open at least a year rose 2 percent. The gauge is considered an important indicator because it excludes stores that recently opened or closed. Analysts expected earnings of 95 cents on revenue of \$15.99 billion, according to FactSet.**

“Our first-quarter financial performance was the result of stronger-than-expected profitability in our credit card segment, which offset the impact of weaker-than-anticipated sales in

our retail segment,” Steinhafel said in a statement. Target's credit-card business, which the company is using to boost sales this year with a 5 percent discount for its branded debit and credit cardholders, had to set aside less money to account for cardholders who didn't pay their bills. Steinhafel noted that shoppers remain “cautious” in their spending. He told investors on the call that increasing Target's revenue continues to be “the biggest challenge and number one priority.” The company has counted on two major initiatives: bigger grocery sections and the 5 percent discount. But quarterly customer counts fell, and — without traffic fueled by those successful initiatives — revenue would have been flat. In fact, Target officials noted that the best response from the 5 percent discount came from upper-income shoppers, those who make more than the discounters' — and the nation's — median

household income of about \$60,000 a year. That suggests that the lowest-income shoppers didn't have enough money to spend any more of it at Target, especially on non-essentials like its moderately priced clothing. The discount program, which shoppers used on about 7 percent to 8 percent of Target's total sales, is “still small enough that it's not “changing or masking any underlying trends,” said Doug Scovanner, chief financial officer. The company said each shopper during the quarter bought 4.4 percent more items than a year earlier and paid about 2.6 percent less on average for each item. Like many other retailers, Target has responded to rising costs for cotton and labor in China by raising its prices on selected fashion and home furnishings items. But its biggest increases will come this fall, when it plans to raise prices more

than 10 percent for a wider variety of clothing and home furnishings, according to Kathy Tesija, executive vice president of merchandising said Wednesday. Target said in January that it will try to sell its credit card business, where quarterly profit increased to \$151 million, compared with \$39 million, as bad debt expense declined to \$83 million, from \$284 million in the same period last year. The company said expenses tied to its expansion into Canada, where it plans to open 100 to 15 stores in 2013 and 2014, will amount to 16 cents to 20 cents per share for the year so analysts' forecasts of \$4.24 per share could be too high. In February, Target estimated the costs at 10 cents per share. The company said it still expects full-year revenue at stores to open at least a year to rise by 4 percent to 5 percent, though it's facing pressures to meet that goal given the first quarter's sluggish sales. □

# Oil settles higher, gas pump prices still sliding

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors seized on the weaker dollar Wednesday to buy a wide range of commodities, including oil, which reversed two days of losses to settle above \$100 per barrel for the first time in a week. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for June delivery rose \$3.19, or 3.3 percent, to settle at \$100.10 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil is still down about 12 percent since hitting a two-year high of \$113.93 a barrel on April 29. The dollar has risen 3.5 percent since the beginning of May. Oil is priced in dollars and tends to fall as the dollar rises and makes it less attractive to investors holding other currencies. “They're just moving in close tandem right now,” said oil analyst Jim Ritterbusch. “It's been like this for the past few days.” On Wednesday, the dollar lost ground to foreign currencies. That propped up crude and other dollar-based commodities; including metals like gold, silver and copper, along with grains, cotton and sugar. Oil got an additional boost after the Energy Information Administration reported that the nation's oil supplies were unchanged last week. Analyst and trader Stephen Schork noted that supplies dropped at the key delivery point for benchmark crude in Cushing, Okla., because TransCanada



Gas prices are seen on a sign at a station in Mechanicville, N.Y., on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Associated Press

temporarily shut down its Keystone pipeline to repair a minor oil leak. The pipeline can deliver more than a half million barrels of oil per day from Alberta. It was back online on Friday, TransCanada spokesman Terry Cunha said. Refineries also cranked up production last week, increasing their capacity by 1.5 percentage points. That helped keep prices up despite an overall drop in petroleum demand. Wholesale gasoline demand also declined for the eighth straight week, when compared with a year ago, according to the EIA. On Tuesday MasterCard SpendingPulse's weekly survey of retail gas demand also showed a drop for the eighth straight week. This month's drop in oil is the main reason gas pump prices continue to fall. □

# Hershey's CEO West jumps to top job at Del Monte

MARC LEVY  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) — After leading The Hershey Co. to three years of strong performances, CEO David West is leaving to take the top job at the smaller Del Monte Foods Co., a surprise move that sent the candy maker's shares plummeting Wednesday. Del Monte Foods, the San Francisco-based food processor, said that West will become its CEO on Aug. 15 and will join the company's board in June. Del Monte was bought by private equity firms for \$4 billion, a deal that closed in March. Hershey chief operating officer John Bilbrey was named

interim president and CEO Wednesday. In midday trading, Hershey's share price slipped \$1.94, or almost 3.5 percent, to \$55.14. Standard & Poor's said Wednesday it was “surprised” by West's departure and reiterated its “Sell” opinion, although analyst Tom Graves said he was impressed by Hershey's first-quarter performance. Soft-spoken and 47, West was promoted to Hershey's top job in 2007 after two years of skidding sales at the Hershey, Pennsylvania-based company. Under West, Hershey's sales grew from \$5.13 billion in 2008 to \$5.67 billion in 2010, as he pumped huge sums into advertising and shifted the

company's focus back to its core products, such as Hershey's Kisses and Reese's, and away from seasonal spinoffs. “After 10 years with the company, it's time to take on the next challenge,” West said in a statement released by Hershey. Through the recession, Hershey reported rising profits in 11 of its last 12 quarters. Analysts said consumers traded down from expensive, gourmet chocolate to Hershey's cheaper mainstream treats and credited West with controlling costs — he even set in motion plans to transform the original, but unwieldy, chocolate factory built by founder Milton Hershey into just administrative offices.

In the meantime, pressure grew on Hershey to compete for market share as two of its competitors, Mars Inc. and Kraft Foods Inc., grew through acquisitions. At Del Monte, West will replace interim CEO Neil Harrison. It reported sales of \$3.74 billion in 2010. Del Monte's brands include Contadina and College Inn foods, as well as Kibbles 'n Bits, Meow Mix and Milk-Bone pet foods. Bilbrey, who became COO in November, has been with Hershey since 2003, first as president of Hershey International. Before joining Hershey, he worked at Mission Foods, Group Danone's North American water business and Procter & Gamble. □



# Steve Martin, in book, remembers his stand-up years

**CHARLES McGRATH**

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**BOSTON** — In person, Steve Martin, now 62, is far from a wild and crazy guy — if he ever really was one. His hair is snow white. Though still youthful, his famously mobile face is mostly in repose. He's a lot like your tax accountant, only a little shyer. Lately, however, he has been sporting a mustache that you would hate to see on your accountant: a little pair of sleazy Gallic brackets outlining his lip and the groove beneath his nose. This is part of his get-up for his role as Inspector Clouseau in "Pink Panther Deux," a sequel to his 2006 remake of the classic Peter Sellers films. "It's growing on me," Martin said of the mustache last month. "In both senses."

For much of the autumn, Martin was living in Boston — the new Toronto of the film industry — where "Pink Panther Deux" was being filmed. He and Wally, his yellow Labrador retriever, shared a trailer equipped with a flat-screen television, a gas fireplace and a couple of industrial-size dog dishes.

Martin is also publishing two books this fall: "The Alphabet from A to Y With Bonus Letter Z!" (Flying Dolphin Press), illustrated by Roz Chast, which is just what the title suggests, and "Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life" (Scribner), a memoir of his years as a stand-up comedian. Reviewing the second book for The New York Times, Janet Maslin called it a "lean, incisive" work that was "smart, serious, heartfelt and confessional without being maudlin."

Martin discussed the memoir on set on a recent Friday when the script called for Clouseau to marry his colleague Nicole (played, as in the first film, by Emily Mortimer) at a ceremony conducted by John Cleese as Chief Inspector Dreyfus. His wedding uniform consisted of red-striped trousers and a tunic with epaulets the size of scrub brushes, which kept getting knocked off as Martin walked through the trailer door.



**Actor and comedian Steve Martin during a walk with his dog Wally in New York's Central Park. In addition to filming "Pink Panther Deux," a sequel to his 2006 remake of the classic Peter Sellers series, Martin is publishing two books this fall: "Steve Martin's Wild and Crazy Alphabet Book," illustrated by Roz Chast, and "Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life," a memoir of his years as a stand-up comedian. Martin discussed the memoir during a recent break in filming.**

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

"I'm not used to ones this big," he apologized to the wardrobe assistant, who sewed them back on.

Martin's career as a stand-up comedian lasted roughly 18 years, from the early 1960s when he was performing sketches at the Bird Cage Theater at Knott's Berry Farm in California, to 1981, when he was the most successful comic in America.

He had such a following that, wearing a mock arrow through his temples, he could, and did, lead audiences out of the theater and ask them to pick him up and pass him over their heads. He made so much money that, as he used to say, he could afford a gasoline-powered turtle-neck sweater. In a foreword to "Born Standing Up," he notes, "In a sense this book is not an autobiography but a biography, because I am writing about someone I used to know."

He says now that that part of his life seems part of another era, almost ancient history.

Recently he came across a photograph of the sign outside the Bird Cage, which he had with him in the trailer. It says, "World's Greatest Entertainment."

"Look at that," he said, pointing to the missing n. "I don't think anyone ever noticed."

The book came about, Martin said, because he felt the urge to write something, and following his two best-selling novellas, "Shopgirl" and "The Pleasure of My Company," he had temporarily run out of characters and ideas. "It's the old adage: write what you know," he said. "I realized that I had had this unique experience, and then I happened to see the show 'Jersey Boys,' which reminded me that it's the years before you make it that are interesting. And then it all seemed navigable to me. I always like to begin with an ending, and I had one: It was when I quit stand-up."

Martin, who says he is "neurotically punctual" about turning up at the set, had to break

off so he could head over to the Surety for his wedding. He crossed a parking lot, entered the warehouse and made his way through castoff scenery (bushes, walls, a giant backdrop of the Eiffel Tower) to the Chief Inspector's Office, already packed with dignitaries, including the pope.

A makeup assistant dabbed powder on Martin's forehead and fussed with his hair; another groomed his mustache with a tiny comb, and then Martin took his place at the front of the room.

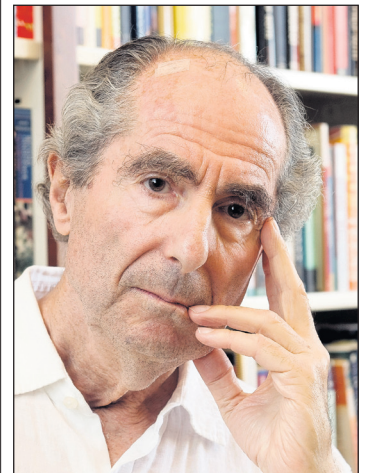
A bell rang, the cameras rolled, and as Mortimer, in a strapless gown, walked toward him up the aisle, a little leer crept over Martin's face, and he gave a shudder of pleasure and pomposity. He half-turned to whisper something to Cleese, and his voice came out in that famously fractured French accent, with gargling r's, and vowels so ripe they lingered in the air like little zeppelins.

"I really like the collegiality of movies," Martin said, back in his trailer, and speaking unaccented English again. He insisted that he didn't miss stand-up. "It's really, really hard," he said. "The solitude, the traveling, the sense that every night you're being judged."

The appeal of writing, he added, was that "I feel like I can get to the point where I know I did the best I can. I really love the sense of finality in writing, the sense of getting it right in a way that only I can know about. In comedy, if they're not laughing, there's no doubt."

In the book Martin describes a career that seems more accidental than ordained, the story less of an irrepressible, Mel Brooksian sort of funnyman than of a shy, introspective young man looking to find a place for himself. He grew up, in a not terribly happy family, in Orange County, Calif. For most of his childhood, he and his father, a failed actor, barely spoke. Like a lot of sensitive, gifted boys — Johnny Carson and Woody Allen, for example — he drifted into magic. □

## Philip Roth wins Man Booker International Prize



**Philip Roth poses in the offices of his publisher Houghton Mifflin, in New York. Roth, the American author of the 1960s cultural touchstone "Portnoy's Complaint" and more than two dozen other novels, was named Wednesday, May 18, 2011, as the winner of the Man Booker International Prize for fiction. The prize is awarded every two years to a living writer for overall contribution to fiction. (AP Photo/Richard Drew, File)**

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Philip Roth's latest prize was not a unanimous choice.

The author of "Portnoy's Complaint," "American Pastoral" and many other novels on Wednesday was named as the winner of the Man Booker International Prize for fiction, a \$100,000 honor given every two years. But one of the judges, publisher Carmen Calil, resigned in protest from the commission, telling the Guardian in London that he "goes on and on and on about the same subject in almost every book."

The winner was announced at the Sydney Writers' Festival.

Roth has long been attacked by feminists and others for his work, which has portrayed women as hostile ex-spouses or objects of crude lust. Calil has helped returned the favor. She is publisher of the feminist Virago Press, which in 1996 released "Leaving a Doll's House," ex-spouse Claire



# Fashion jet setters travel light, and in style

**SAMANTHA CRITCH-ELL,**  
**AP Fashion Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It is off to Hong Kong to meet with buyers, Italy to search for the finest craftsmen, then to St. Bart's for a little R&R.

Fashion designers often live the jet-set life they love to mimic on their runways. They travel for business, they travel for pleasure. They are always looking for inspiration, and they take a lot of photographs. The Council of Fashion Designers of America partnered with publisher Assouline to

collect personal tidbits for the new book "American Fashion Travel," which includes Lubov and Max Azria's family vacations in Punta Canta, Dominican Republic, and Gilles Mendel schussing through the snow as a teenager in Val d'Isere, France. Alexander Wang is always on the hunt for the perfect spa, but he will take the accommodations at the George V in Paris or Conrad in Tokyo easily in its stead. Phillip Lim loves a good road trip, Tory Burch scours India for ideas and, while Cynthia Rowley loves the Sahara and

the Guggenheim in Balboa, Spain, her favorite destination is in Montauk, New York, close to home, where weekends become mini-vacations.

Diane von Furstenberg, president of the CFDA, a not-for-profit trade association, likes to go to food markets and travels to Asia, — hiking boots in her suitcase, whenever she can. She favors boats, cars and trains over planes.

"For me, traveling and living are the same," von Furstenberg writes in the book's foreword. "How you travel is a symbol of your life."

So, just how do designers travel? What can they not live without? Are they like the rest of us and fall victim to overpacking, or have they mastered the art of on-the-move dressing? The Associated Press asked a few designers about the nitty-gritty of globe-trotting travel:

Yigal Azrouel says he can live out of one bag. If he is traveling for fun, he probably will end up on his sailboat where he needs shorts, T-shirts, flip-flops, iPod and laptop. For the cool evenings, he will have stowed a sweatshirt or leather jacket in his compact Tumi bag or the vintage duffel bag he bought in a flea market 10 years ago. For business, he can do Europe for a week or more with a single suit. "I am not a fashion victim. I will wear the same thing over and over again," Azrouel says dur-

ing an interview. "I will wash it, of course."

Mendel also packs light, but is more specific, down to the

Ritz in Paris, he orders soft scrambled eggs to help settle in. Trina Turk piles on the layers. The cardigan, a safari

## 'Taxi' star Jeff Conaway hospitalized in a coma



Jeff Conaway arrives at the Fox Reality Channel Really Awards in Los Angeles. Conaway's manager says the former star of "Taxi" is hospitalized in critical condition. The actor was found unconscious last week from a drug overdose, possibly pain pills, manager Phil Brock said Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, File)

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jeff Conaway's manager says the former star of "Taxi" and "Grease" is in a coma following a drug overdose, possibly from pain pills. Manager Phil Brock says the 60-year-old actor was found unconscious on May 11. He is hospitalized in critical condition. Brock says Conaway is in a coma in a California hospital and his recovery is uncertain. The name of the hospital was not disclosed. As part of the reality show "Celebrity Rehab" in 2008, Conaway discussed his addiction to drugs and alcohol. His manager described Conaway as a "gentle soul" but one who has been unable to "exorcise his demons." Conaway appeared in the 1978 movie musical "Grease" and starred in the TV series "Babylon 5." □



A model showcases lingerie brand Triumph's 2011 collection during the annual Singapore Fashion Festival Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Singapore.

(AP Photo/Joseph Nair)

Thom Browne blazer, Ann Demeulemeester trousers, an Ernest Sewn casual button-down and Jil Sander cologne. And when he checks into the

jacket and the chunky scarf go on and off as she moves between climates or as a plane's cabin temperature fluctuates. □

## US capital police escorts given to celebs in DC

**ERIC TUCKER**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — District of Columbia police records released Wednesday show that Bill Gates, Jay-Z and other celebrities have received escorts similar to one that officers gave to actor Charlie Sheen.

The records conflict with initial police statements that escorts are reserved for the president, vice president and visiting heads of state. Records obtained by The Associated Press through a court order show police have provided escorts in the past year to college and professional sports teams, sometimes to team owners, as well as to a handful of celebrities. The department generally has been reimbursed

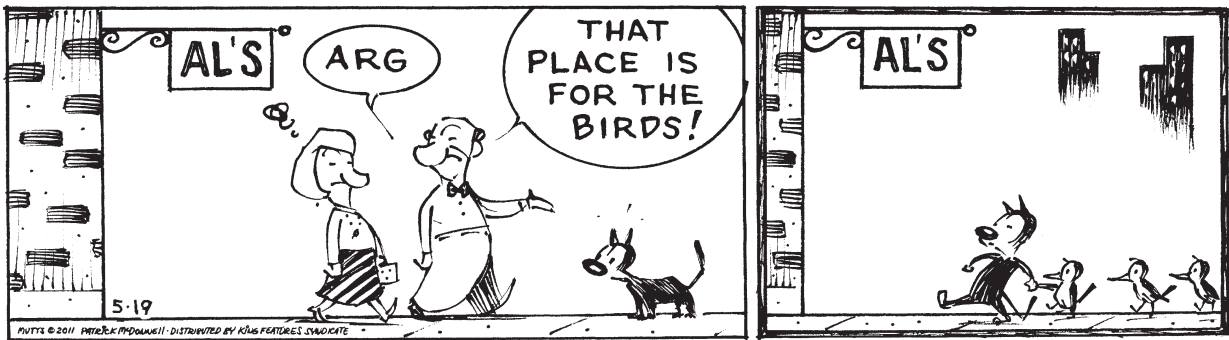
for the escorts, in amounts ranging from several hundred dollars to nearly \$30,000, the invoices show.

Officers with the special operations division on April 19 provided Sheen an escort, with sirens and lights flashing, from Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia to a performance at Constitution Hall, a Washington venue owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution organization.

The escort attracted attention after Sheen wrote about it excitedly on Twitter, even posting a photograph of a speedometer registering about 80 mph: "In car with Police escort in front and rear! Driving like someone's about to deliver a baby! Cop car lights (hash)Spinning!" □



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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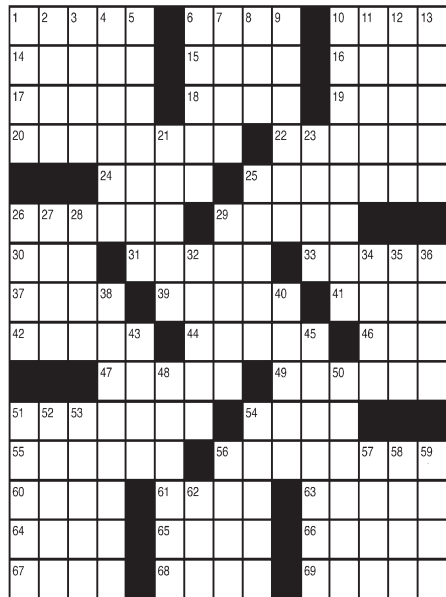
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**ACROSS**

- Popular salad dressing
- Steel's main component
- Helper; abbr.
- Maui greeting
- Friendly
- Liquefy; melt
- Of the kidneys
- Prefix that means "before"
- ...fa, so, ...
- Putting forth effort
- Male ducks
- Deride; taunt
- Most cruel
- Fluttering trees
- Review of the financial books
- Old Olds outfit
- First, reverse, neutral, etc.
- Compact \_\_\_; CDs
- Young cow
- African nation
- Use an ax
- Bar seat
- Face the \_\_\_; take one's lumps
- Retirement saving acct.
- India's dollar
- More moist
- Spoke
- In this location
- Smiled broadly
- Abuse
- Approximately
- Prepared
- Easter eggs
- Cow in Borden Company's ads
- Inquires
- Solitary
- Highways
- Examination
- Finishes
- Pigpens

**DOWN**

- Uncommon
- TV's \_\_\_ Trebek
- Zero
- Fee



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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SALPINS	CROSS	
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DON	SLATE	TIER
STATEN	HARASS	
MAD	BORED	
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- Stopping
- Ridiculous
- Wedding band
- Fall month; abbr.
- Required
- East Coast sea
- Tremble
- Fills completely
- Dance inspired by rock 'n' roll
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- Hostile attack
- Ponders
- Rainbows
- Do an usher's job
- Explorer Marco
- Bicker
- Shot carefully
- Schooner or ocean liner
- Apple's center
- Shadowbox
- Primary
- Amusement park attractions
- Entice; attract
- Jimmy and Rosalynn
- Sell from a street cart
- French wine
- German submarine
- Rudely brief
- Chores
- Conceals
- Repair
- Actor Morales
- \_\_\_-de-camp; military position
- Actress Harper
- Hither and \_\_\_; in many places



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<b>Divi Phoenix Beach Resort</b>	
Studio wk 21 Room 804 Ocean View	\$5000
1 Br wk 21 Room 1402 Ocean View	\$6000
<b>Occidental Resort</b>	
2Br wk 18/50 Ocean View	\$20000
3Br wk 18/50 Ocean View	\$25000
1 Br wk 18/50 Ocean View	\$12000
1 Br wk 18-26/36-50 Ocean Front	\$13000
Jr Suite wk 18/50 Ocean View	\$10000
<b>Playa Linda Beach Resort</b>	
2Br wk 20 Room 450 Ocean View	\$16500
1Br wk 19 Room 422 Ocean View	\$8000
<b>Dutch Village</b>	
Studio wk 17 Room 126 Pool/View	\$5000
<b>Divi Village</b>	
Studio wk 11-20/41-50 Ocean View	\$7000
1Br wk 18/50 Pool View	\$8500
Studio wk 21 Room 7306 Ocean View	\$6000
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1Br wk 21 Room 21231 Pool/Ocean View	\$6000
<b>La Quinta Beach Resort</b>	
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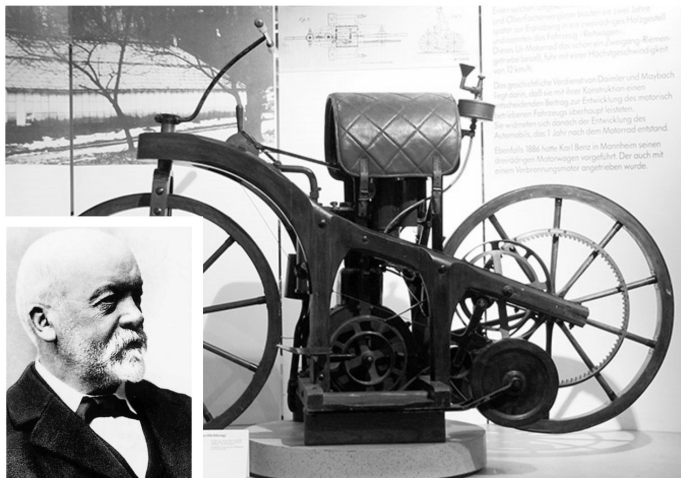
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After earning a mechanical engineering degree from Stuttgart Polytechnic, Daimler pursued the need for a small, practical, low-powered engine. Frenchman Etienne Lenoir had designed an early model of a smaller engine, but it lacked efficiency. Noting Lenoir's pioneering concepts, Daimler and Maybach spent ten years developing a practical gasoline-powered engine. With their new engine as the focal point, they applied their ideas to vehicles, developing and patenting a self-firing ignition starter. In 1885, the first gasoline-powered internal combustion engine was fitted onto a motorcycle.

### Invention Impact

Daimler and Maybach continued to improve gasoline-powered engines, inventing the first V-shaped, two-cylinder, four-stroke engine. That engine was the foundation for today's automobile engines. Daimler founded the Daimler Motoren-Gesellschaft in 1890 to build engines according to his designs.

In 1998, the Daimler and Chrysler companies merged, forming DaimlerChrysler, one of the world's leading car manufacturers.

Inventor Bio Daimler was born in Schorndorf near Stuttgart in present day Germany. Daimler studied for six years at Lateinschule where he first expressed an interest in engineering. After a year of studying gunsmithing, Daimler left to study mechanical engineering at Stuttgart Polytechnic. He worked for numerous firms before landing at Deutz, which was the largest manufacturer of stationary engines in the world. Daimler died in 1900 at the age of sixty-six.



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# Feds unveil plan to combat bat-killing fungus



**This 2010 photo provided by the U.S Geological Survey shows a hibernating little brown bat in Pennsylvania, with white-muzzle typical of white-nose syndrome.**

**Associated Press**

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**WASHINGTON (AP) —**

The U.S. Interior Department launched a national plan Tuesday to combat a mysterious disease that has killed more than a million bats in the eastern and southern United States and is spreading west. The disease, called white-nose syndrome, is caused by a fungus. The disease has spread to 16 states, from New Hampshire to Tennessee, and three Canadian provinces.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the new plan provides a road map for more than 100 federal, state, and tribal agencies and scientific researchers that are tracking the disease and attempting to combat it.

“White-nose syndrome threatens far-reaching ecological and economic impacts,” Salazar said. “We’ve learned a lot in the past few years about the disease, but there is

much more work to be done to contain it.”

White-nose syndrome, first identified in upstate New York in 2006, has been found along the Eastern seaboard from New Hampshire to North Carolina, as well as in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. The fungus has been found in Oklahoma and Missouri, although no bats are known to have died from white-nose syndrome in those states.

The disease also has been found in the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec. The fungus, but not yet the disease, has been found in Nova Scotia.

Caves on federal lands as far west as Colorado and Wyoming have been closed to the public to try to stem spread of the fungus, but scientists do not know how the disease is transmitted or even how it is

killing the bats.

The fungus grows on the bat's nose, wings and ears, and one theory is that it irritates these membranes, causing bats to wake often during hibernation and burn so much energy that they starve to death before spring. There are signs the fungus is directly damaging wings, which are important for maintaining water balance and blood pressure control, said Jeremy Coleman, who heads the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's response to the problem. The Fish and Wildlife Service, an arm of the Interior Department, is leading the federal response.

The disease does not affect humans, but the fungus can be spread by people's footwear, and officials said it was important for people to clean their shoes before and after they enter caves.

Lab tests show that several drugs can fight the germ and that some antiseptics might help decontaminate areas where bats live or the shoes and hands of people who visit them, researchers reported at an infectious-diseases conference last fall.

“Decontamination is in my mind the most immediate need,” because people may be helping to spread the disease, Coleman said. That thinking is behind a decision by federal officials to close caves in dozens of states, including some where white-nose syndrome has not yet been found, such as Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota. The Interior Department has spent nearly \$11 million on white-nose syndrome since 2007, including \$3 million to support continuing research projects looking for methods to control or cure the disease. □



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# FBI relaciona activista de EEUU con extremistas colombianos

**ESTADOD UNIDOS (AP)** - Documentos abandonados por agentes federales estadounidenses durante el allanamiento de la casa de una activista antibélica en septiembre pasado echan luz sobre la evolución de una investigación sobre las presuntas relaciones entre activistas locales y extremistas en Colombia y el Medio Oriente.

Un documento dice que la investigación se basó inicialmente en las actividades de dos activistas locales —incluidos sus viajes a zonas de Colombia controladas por terroristas— y luego se amplió para abarcar a otras 16 personas en seis estados acusadas de dar apoyo material a terroristas en Colombia o los territorios palestinos.

Veintitrés personas en Minneapolis, Chicago y Grand Rapids, Michigan, han recibido órdenes de comparecer ante un jurado investigador en Illinois. Las autoridades se han limitado a decir que las actividades investigadas constituyen apoyo material al terrorismo, sin entrar en detalles. No hay acusados y los activistas dicen que ninguno de

ellos ha declarado ante el jurado. Los documentos fueron hallados en la casa del activista antibélico Mike Kelly en Minneapolis el 30 de abril y entregados a The Associated Press esta semana. La casa fue una de las allanadas en septiembre.

El vocero del FBI Steve Warfield dijo que los papeles parecen ser documentos legítimos del FBI y que posiblemente los dejaron en la casa por error. Los activistas califican los allanamientos y órdenes de comparecencia de acoso e intento por parte del FBI de atacar contra los derechos de palabra y reunión y han realizado varios actos de protesta.

Jess Sundin, otra activista cuya casa fue allanada, dijo que el grupo optó por difundir los documentos porque dan una idea de los motivos de la investigación. Las órdenes de comparecencia sólo mencionan el tipo de pruebas que buscan las autoridades.

“Nos parece que los documentos refuerzan y confirman lo que siempre hemos dicho”, dijo Sundin. “Confirman nuestras sospechas sobre el

porqué de la investigación oficial y algunos de los aspectos particulares que objetan”.

Warfield no hizo otras declaraciones, señalando que el caso está abierto. Randall Samborn, vocero de la procuraduría federal en Chicago, tampoco hizo declaraciones.

Los documentos indican que la investigación se inició a raíz de las relaciones de los activistas con gente en Colombia. “El caso de referencia se basó inicialmente en las actividades de Meredith Aby y Jessica Rae Sundin en apoyo a las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), designada por el Departamento de Estado como organización terrorista extranjera (OTE) y se amplió para incluir sus viajes anteriores a territorio controlado por las FARC”, dice un documento.

“Desde que se iniciaron las investigaciones originales, se ha identificado a 16 sujetos adicionales en seis divisiones del FBI”, agregó. El documento añade que personas en Minneapolis, Chicago, Phoenix, Detroit, Los Angeles y Charlotte, Carolina del Norte, han “proporcionado



**ARCHIVO** - Foto de archivo, 27 de septiembre de 2010, de Jess Sundin, de Minneapolis, durante una protesta contra los allanamientos del FBI en su casa y las de otros activistas antibélicos. Documentos abandonados por los agentes federales durante el allanamiento revelan una investigación sobre aparentes conexiones entre activistas locales y grupos extremistas en Colombia y el Medio Oriente. (AP Foto/Craig Lassig, File)

o se han asociado delictivamente para proporcionar apoyo material a las FARC y/o el Frente Popular para la Liberación de Palestina, también designada como OTE por el Departamento de Estado”. Sundin dijo que viajó a Colombia hace 11 años, no para entregar dinero o armas a las FARC sino para conocer a la gente y sus reclamos. En

esa época, las FARC estaban en negociaciones con el gobierno colombiano. Sundin dijo que voló en un avión militar colombiano a una pequeña población donde se realizaban las conversaciones. Añadió que en esa ocasión habló con jóvenes que llegaban en autobuses para hablar sobre educación, desempleo y toda clase de problemas sociales. □

## Venezuela sale de recesión, crece 4,5% en primer trimestre

**VENEZUELA (AP)** - La economía venezolana alcanzó en el primer trimestre un crecimiento 4,5%, dejando atrás el proceso de contracción que enfrentó el país en los últimos dos años, anunciaron el martes las autoridades.

A pesar de la caída de 1,8% que sufrió la industria petrolera, que es el corazón económico del país, el Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) registró entre enero y marzo un crecimiento de 4,5%, gracias al impulso del sector público y la actividad privada, indicó Nelson Merentes, presidente del Banco Central de Venezuela (BCV).

“Evidentemente hemos salido de la fase recesiva”, dijo el ministro de Planificación y Finanzas, Jorge Giordani, al alabar la activación del

primer trimestre, que supera considerablemente la contracción de 4,8% que enfrentó la economía en el mismo período del 2010. Desde el cuarto trimestre del 2010 la economía reportó una activación de 0,6%.

Merentes dijo en conferencia de prensa que el sector público mostró un crecimiento de 3,3%, mientras que la actividad privada repuntó a 4,6%, luego de ocho trimestres continuos de caídas. Al referirse a la contracción del sector petrolero, el presidente del BCV expresó que la caída estuvo asociada a la “composición de los taladros” que utiliza la estatal Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) para sus actividades de extracción de crudos, pero aseguró que la producción “aumentará” en los próximos meses. □

## Taiwán abre su mercado al azúcar de Panamá

**PANAMA (AP)** - Panamá y Taiwán suscribieron el martes una enmienda al tratado de libre comercio que tienen vigente desde el 2004 y que permitirá al país centroamericano exportar hasta 60.000 toneladas de azúcar al mercado asiático.

Panamá no estaba exportando azúcar, uno de sus principales rubros de producción, a Taiwán debido a que no estaba contemplado en el tratado comercial vigente entre ambas naciones desde hace ocho años.

Tras evaluaciones, Taiwán decidió modificar el reglamento concerniente y otorgar a Panamá una cuota de azúcar que incluye 39.000 toneladas de azúcar cruda y 21.000 toneladas de azúcar refinada, dijo el viceministro de Asuntos Económicos de Taiwán Francis K. H. Liang, durante el acto en que fue su-

scrita la enmienda.

El Ministro de Comercio e Industrias de Panamá, Roberto Henríquez, dijo a periodistas que la cuota que se designó a Panamá es similar a la cantidad que los productores panameños exportan hacia Estados Unidos.

Recordó que los ingenios locales abastecen el consumo local. “No creo que en el corto plazo vamos a llenar esta cuota pero lo que los gobiernos hacemos es abrir la oportunidad a los productores nacionales”.

Panamá y Taiwán también suscribieron en la víspera un acuerdo de supresión de visas para pasaportes diplomáticos, oficiales, consulares y especiales y que fue atestiguada por el vicepresidente de Taiwán, Vincent C. Siew, quien cumplió, el martes una visita de dos días a Panamá. □



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